

Defeat The Attack on the Maritime Workers Unions! Employers' Anti-Red Propaganda Is Aimed Against Entire Organized Labor Movement!

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OF THE PAST few days a great cry has been heard in the press, instigated by the employers and the Hearst-Landon stooge, District Attorney Warren, attempting to create the false impression that the maritime unions and the Communist Party are responsible for a "murder plot."

This propaganda campaign, started by alleged "confessions" which have all the earmarks of a frame-up by stool-pigeons and employers' agents, comes precisely at a time when the maritime unions are entering negotiations with the shipowners for renewal

of agreements which expire Sept. 30th, and is being utilized by all anti-labor forces in an attempt to destroy union working conditions on the waterfront and the maritime unions.

This attack by the shipowners against the maritime unions and the Communist Party is the concern not only of the organizations directly involved, but of all trade unions in California and throughout the Pacific Coast. Should the employers succeed in their attempts, driving home their open-shop wedge on the waterfront, it will mean the beginning of a general open-shop drive on the labor movement in all industries.

WOULD BREAK UNIONS

The employers have already shown their hand in their answer to the demands offered by the Int'l Longshoremen's Association for correcting certain basic evils in existing agreements. The shipowners replied with demands which would completely destroy union conditions and rob the workers of all those gains they won in the 1934 strike.

The shipowners brazenly propose to bring back pre-strike conditions which would mean lower wages, longer hours, unemployment, speed-up, blacklisting, and favoritism. And these are the

things they propose to "arbitrate," while they have already declared their intentions of refusing to continue present agreements under the 1934 arbitration award.

They have already indicated that they will give the same answer to the seamen's unions as they have given to the longshoremen, and this in the face of the fact that the seamen have even more serious grievances than the longshoremen, due to intolerable working conditions and starvation rates of pay on the ships.

The employers appear determined to provoke a lockout of the

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UNIONS MOVE AGAINST FRAMEUP OF KING

Great Display of Union Strength in Labor Day Parades

Unions Elect To Tues. Defense Conference; Many Protests Roll In

Maritime Federation, Bay Area Wires La Follette Committee To Investigate Frameup by Shipowners And Authorities

SAN FRANCISCO.—Meeting here last night the Marine Firemen voted a voluntary assessment of \$5 per man toward the defense of Earl King and Ramsey. The Marine Cooks and Stewards voted \$500 to the defense and the Marine Engineers elected a representative to the United Defense Committee. Approximately \$250 was collected on the floor at the Firemen's meeting.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Unions are rallying to the defense of the frameup victims in the Point Lobos case, and are electing delegates to Tuesday's defense conference. Telegrams protesting the frameup attempt poured into District Attorney Warren's office in Oakland.

The Ferryboatmen's Union, meeting on Thursday, unanimously adopted a resolution protesting the frameup of King.

Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, whose name was dragged into the frame-up in an effort to involve the Communist Party directly, was not detained after refusing to answer questions put to him by Assistant District Attorney Hoyt.

When asked by newspaper reporters why Ross was not arrested if the District Attorney's office had sufficient facts to hold him on, as per the "confession" of Wallace and the testimony of Murphy and the provocateur Guidera, Hoyt remained silent.

This is a tacit admission, on Hoyt's part, of the crudeness of the attempt to frame Ross, although he later declared that Ross would be picked up again for the next session of the Alameda County Grand Jury, which has not yet been discharged.

and others, and elected a delegate to the Tuesday conference. The Alameda County Labor Council had already elected delegates and instructed unions to do so.

The Washington District Council of the Maritime Federation adopted a resolution accusing the shipowners of frameup.

RAISE SPANISH FUNDS; EXPOSE FASCIST PLOTS

Franco Plans Hitler Intervention

SAN FRANCISCO.—Reporting \$209.80 already collected, the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party urged workers and farmers throughout California to send donations for the support of the Spanish People's Front, to go over the top of the \$500 quota within the next two weeks.

Funds should be sent to Communist Party, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, from where the money will be forwarded to La Follette.

Shippers Hinder Marine Peace

SAN FRANCISCO.—The continued arrogant attitude of the shipowners caused the adjournment of negotiations on Thursday within a few minutes after the representatives of the I.L.A. and the shipowners had again come together.

I.L.A. Referendum
Meanwhile a coastwide referendum of I.L.A. members was being prepared on the question of arbitration of the shipowners' demands as amendments to the 1934 award. The I.L.A. officials have made it plain that they are

Browder On Radio Again Labor Day

"Problems and Issues of the American Labor Movement," the next broadcast by Earl Browder Communist candidate for President of the United States, will be heard by millions of American workers next Monday in the Labor Day broadcast over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company.

Browder is expected to speak on the vital issue of industrial unionism, which is threatening

CALL DEFENSE MEET FOR KING NEXT TUESDAY

Firemen's Committee Rallies Labor

SAN FRANCISCO.—All organized labor has been called to rally behind the defense of those threatened with frame-up in the Point Lobos case.

A call for a general trade union conference has been called for next Tuesday by the Marine Firemen's Defense Committee.

The call follows:

To All Members of Organized Labor in the Bay Area:

Dear Brothers:

At the present time, the Maritime unions of the Pacific Coast

Frameup, Is Cry On Waterfront

SAN FRANCISCO.—FRAME-UP!

Up and down San Francisco's waterfront, in barrooms, lunch counters, on street corners and in union halls this work is being whispered, written and shouted.

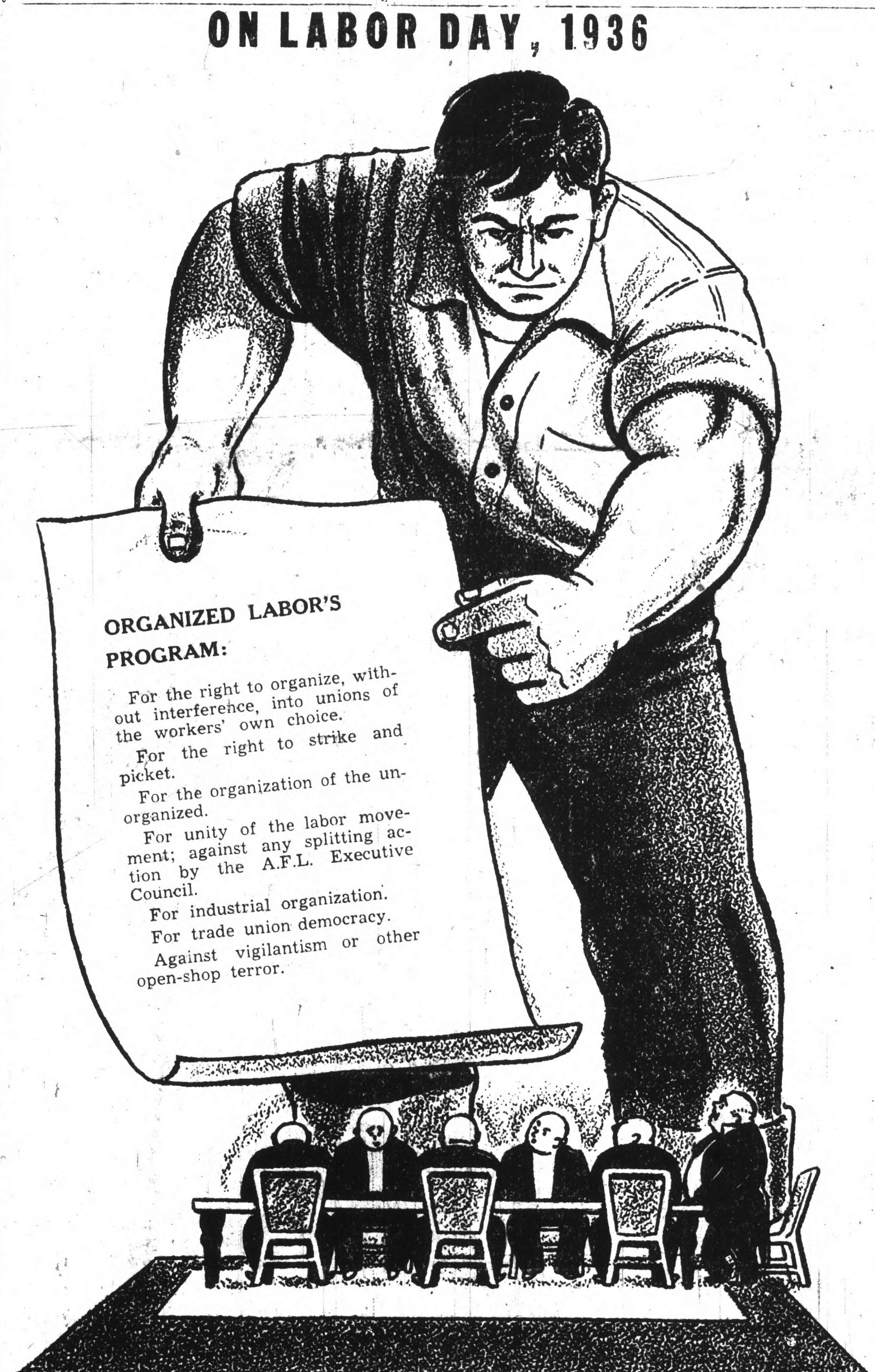
There is absolutely no question regarding the attitude of the rank and file workers of the maritime unions toward the shipowner attempt to railroad Earl King of the Marine Firemen's Union and others to the penitentiary on carefully trumped-up charges of murder.

"This is dirtier than the Tom Mooney business," a seaman almost shouted as discussion of the frame-up raged in front of the Longshore dispatching hall.

"The lousy b...s knew what they were doing" when they pulled this stuff just before September 30," a worker with a flock of union buttons on his cap declared. "We ought to pull a 24-hour protest strike if they try to go much further."

The mighty "Red-scare" barrage which has accompanied nearly every line of capitalist paper publicity on the case has made so small an impression upon a majority of the men that the word "Communist" very seldom is mentioned.

Anonymous slander printed



Relief Increase Is Forced

SACRAMENTO.—Growing militancy of the unemployed had much to do with the State Relief Commission's decision to increase relief payments.

The militancy of the unemployed was shown by recent demonstrations of WPA workers here.

A 14.8 percent increase in the family budget for food, and of 9.8 percent for single persons on relief was announced.

In announcing the increase in payments, the Commission admitted that food prices had soared greatly in the past 60 days.

UNIONS ON LABOR DAY WILL SHOW MIGHT IN FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS

Organized labor will not confine itself, on Labor Day, 1936, to attending picnics. This Labor Day will see scores of thousands of California workers out on the streets, in the biggest Labor Day parades ever seen in the history of the state.

The fact that over 50,000 are expected to march on Labor Day in San Francisco; over 40,000 in Oakland; over 300,000 in Los Angeles, and over 11,000 in Stockton, to mention a few main cities, is of great significance.

This Labor Day will be a demonstration of the growing might of organized labor, and of the determination of organized labor to fight for its elementary rights—to organize, to strike, and to picket.

This Labor Day finds the rank and file of the A.F.L. imbued with a new spirit and new hope.

The organized labor movement, under the stimulus of the Committee for Industrial Organization, is making huge strides.

50,000 SF; 40,000 E. Bay; 30,000 LA
March Labor Day

Organized Labor Plans Greatest Show of Strength Monday

Labor Day, 1936, is expected to reveal a demonstration of organized labor's growing might, such as has never before been seen in California.

The biggest Labor Day parades on record are expected in a number of cities.

More than 50,000 members of organized labor are expected to take part in the San Francisco parade on Monday, according to enlistments received by the Central Labor Council's Labor Day Committee.

Over 30,000 members of organized labor in Los Angeles are expected to march in the Labor Day Parade arranged by the Los Angeles Labor Council.

A San Pedro delegation, over 4000 strong, will come by special train to participate in the huge Los Angeles parade.

Over 40,000 in Oakland
Over 40,000 men and women are expected to march in the East Bay parade, to take place in Oakland.

About 11,000 workers from all towns in the vicinity are due to parade in Stockton. They will

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San Diego Anti-CS Petition Results

SAN DIEGO.—Circulators of petitions for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, secured and filed with the San Diego County Clerk a total of 4300 valid names, it was reported by Epic Assemblyman Paul A. Richie, active in the anti-CS Act fight.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Under the auspices of the California Conference for Repeal of the C.S. Act, a gala Labor Day Dance will be held Saturday, September 5th, 8 p.m., at Druids' Auditorium, 44 Page Street.

Entertainment, dancing to union music, door prizes, beer and refreshments are promised. The public is invited. Admission is 25 cents.

Strike of 4000 Is Voted In Salinas

SALINAS.—Members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union voted to strike rather than accept the proposals of the Lettuce Growers and Shippers Assn. 3500 have struck.

Important demands like preferential employment, wage increases, etc., are ignored in the agreement insisted on by the growers.

In mass meetings here and in Watsonville, the union members voted, by 1978 to 121, to tie up the 70 lettuce sheds, employing about 4000 workers.

LABOR DAY A DAY OF NEW HOPE-BROPHY

C.I.O. Director Tells Some Key Tasks of A.F.L. Unions

By JOHN BROPHY, Director, Committee for Industrial Organization

Labor Day, 1936, brings to the working people of America new hope, and also a new challenge. The trade union movement can rightfully be proud of its tremendous contribution to the building of our nation, and to the fostering of the ideals of freedom and democracy.

Confident of Power
Now, confident of its power, organized labor must carry on its

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Report 3000 Out On Eaton Dam

LOS ANGELES.—Taking a militant stand against further cuts in their wages, 500 workers on the Eaton Dam, a United States Engineering Department flood control project in North Pasadena, struck and completely tied up the job.

It was later reported that 3000 were out.

The workers struck after their pay had been reduced from \$1 to 70 cents an hour. Most of the workers on the project are skilled or semi-skilled workmen, carpenters and steel men.

Spokesman for the workers claim that they had not been notified of the cut in wages and that no notices had been posted of the reduction.

A committee of 28 workers were told by the army officials of the U.S.E.D. that they could do nothing about it and said that the notices of the slash in pay had been posted since August 12.

The workers are demanding back pay from August 12 at \$1 an hour rate and no reductions in pay.

BIG MARITIME MEET BLASTS KING FRAMEUP

900 Shout Down One Who Opposes Solidarity

SAN FRANCISCO—Meeting in Scottish Rite Auditorium Tuesday night, between 900 and 1000 maritime workers, with one lone exception, condemned the present stool-pigeon inspired attack upon union leaders as the rankest and most vicious of frame-ups.

Hunt Shouted Down

The exception was a man named Hunt, dispatcher for the Maritime Cooks and Stewards Union here, who opposed the passing of a resolution condemning the frame-up. He contended the matter was "not a union fight" and declared all parties interested, including the stool-pigeons themselves, should be given an "opportunity to talk."

Bridges on Negotiations

Chairman of the meeting was Harry Bridges, who reported for the I.L.A. and pointed out how provocative are the counter-proposals put forward by the shipowners during the present negotiations for a new agreement.

Conditions proposed by the employers would mean a return to the hated Blue Book Union, he declared.

To a man the representatives of the various maritime unions pledged solidarity during the present crisis and it was the unanimous verdict that no union would sign with the shipowners until all were ready to do so. All delegates stressed the necessity of burying all minor differences of opinion during the emergency now existing.

The original resolution condemning the frame-up was amended to include a call to the La Follette committee to investigate the employment of spies and stool pigeons by employers on the West Coast.

Charles Cates of the Sailors Union of the Pacific informed the meeting that the International Seamen Union had notified the shippers here to the effect it would not stand in the way of negotiations between the employers and the S.U.P.

Picnic Rally For "Mother" Bloor

LOS ANGELES—Rally behind Mother Bloor for the 1936 election platform of the Communist Party, will be the slogan here Sunday at an all-day political rally and picnic at Verdugo Woodlands, 1800 North Verdugo Road, under auspices of the Los Angeles County Campaign Committee.

Ella Beeve Bloor, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, with 50 years background in the labor movement, will speak at 5 p. m. for the platform and for the candidacy of Earl Browder for President.

The Young Communist League will present a youth pageant and sports program at 1 p. m. Chairman of the affair will be Emma Cutler, Communist candidate in the 13th Congressional District. Hursel Alexander, of the Y.C.L., will also speak.

Admission will be 25 cents. Trucks will leave from 3220 Central Avenue, 230 South Spring Street, 2001 Brooklyn Avenue and 1605 North Ivar Street, Hollywood, at 10 a. m., noon, 2 and 4 p. m.

Schedule of Mother Bloor's campaign tour to other California cities, is as follows:

Monday, September 7th, Labor Day, 2 p. m., San Bernardino, Odd Fellows Hall, 675 Third Street.

Thursday, September 10th, 8 p. m., Berkeley, Comrades Hall, 1819 Tenth Street, admission 10 cents. Southern Chicken Dinner, 6 p. m., 25 cents.

Friday, September 11th, 8 p. m., San Francisco, Drove Hall, 3541 Eighteenth Street.

Saturday, September 12th, 8 p. m., Oakland, Danish Hall, 164 Eleventh Street.

Sunday, September 13th, 2 p. m., Sacramento, Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and K Streets.

Dubinsky Resigns As A.F.L. Vice-President

NEW YORK—In protest of the suspension of 10 C.I.O. unions, David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, resigned on Thursday as a vice-president of the A.F.L.

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maritime workers on September 30th, unless the unity of the waterfront unions and the solidarity of the entire labor movement can defeat their union-wrecking plans.

POSITION ON STRIKES

Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, explained the position of the Communist Party on strikes in his recent San Francisco speech:

"The employers are trying to picture the Communists and all militant workers as 'trouble-makers' who want strikes. This is false. The Communist Party is not interested in fomenting strikes for strikes' sake. We know too well the heavy cost of strikes to the workers, to irresponsibly advise any unnecessary strikes. We are not hoping for a strike in the maritime industry. We rather hope for a settlement which will take into full account the just demands of the workers. We stand always and unalterably, however, for the right of the workers to strike as a last resort, when all other means of establishing their just demands have failed."

The charges against leaders of the Maritime Firemen's Union, about a "red murder plot," and the attempt to create a "red scare" through the ridiculous effort to implicate the Communist Party and Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker and Communist candidate for Congress in the 5th District, is an obvious frame-up which aims to bolster up the shipowners' attack on the unions in this critical period when every effort is being made by the unions to reach a peaceful settlement by negotiations. It is the same tactics as was used in the Mooney frame-up by the employers to attack the whole labor movement.

Neither the Communist Party, nor any trade union or other genuine workers' organizations, advocates or condones the use of force and violence, terrorism, or murder. The Communist Party has on many occasions openly condemned such acts, and declared that such methods are the weapon of the open-shop interests and their agents, vigilantes and strikebreakers; any one in a workers' organization who advocates such methods is a provocateur sent into the workers' ranks, and such methods only play into the hands of anti-labor employers and cover up their own role in using violence against the labor movement.

WARREN'S STATEMENT

District Attorney Earl Warren, labor-hating reactionary, is deliberately aiming a blow at the trade union movement when he issued a hypocritical statement which aims to discredit the elected rank and file leaders of the maritime unions and their membership. "This is not a case against union labor," he says, "but rather one against certain murderous racketeering individuals who have through similar tactics, forced themselves into a position of power."

This agent of the Industrial Association is speaking the words of his masters who want the public to believe that all the leaders of the maritime unions, and of all other unions, are "racketeers," etc. (This is ironical coming at a time when shocking exposures of graft, corruption and racketeering involving public officials are being uncovered.)

Mr. Warren's statement further slanders the rank-and-file with the inference that they favor violence and murder, and then lauds the small minority of discredited reactionaries in the unions and a few stool-pigeons and employers' agents whom he calls the "conservative, law-abiding elements." The whole capitalist press follows the Hearst line of attempting to besmirch the rank and file of the unions.

DEFEAT THE FRAME-UP!

The employers have long been hoping and seeking to create division and dissension in the ranks of the maritime unions, and to split the seamen from the longshoremen. They have hoped to prevent the support of all Organized Labor to the maritime unions, whose victories and gains have strengthened the entire labor movement. But they have failed in the past, and they must not succeed now. Rally to the support of the maritime unions with united ranks! Support their struggle for improved conditions; Do not be tricked by the shipowners' weapon of red-baiting! Defeat the attempted frame-up of union leaders and of Lawrence Ross! With the united support of the labor movement and of every friend of labor, the union-wrecking plans of the employers and the Industrial Association will be defeated.

CALIFORNIA STATE COMMITTEE,

COMMUNIST PARTY U. S. A.

121 Haight Street, San Francisco, Calif.

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Warehousemen Sign Glass Co.

SAN FRANCISCO—The on-ward march of the Warehousemen Union, I.L.A. Local 38-44, continued when the Owens-Illinois Glass Co. signed an agreement with the fighting union this week.

The strike against Woolworth's continues. Picketing of the company's warehouse and its stores continues, conducted jointly by the Warehousemen, the Culinary unions, and the Retail Clerks. The latter are engaged in a drive to organize employees in the 13 Woolworth stores here.

Wisc. Guild Wins; Seattle Hearings

MILWAUKEE—Hearst's Wisconsin News has settled with the Newspaper Guild, which had conducted a militant strike since Feb. 17.

Under the settlement men with three or more years experience will receive an \$8 a day minimum, with an 8-hour day, 5-day week. Beginners will receive a \$25 a week minimum wage. There will be no discrimination against Guild members. The agreement was a verbal one.

SEATTLE—The Regional Labor Board will begin hearings on the Post-Intelligencer strike on Sept. 10.

The Hearst plant is still closed. Harvey O'Conner, well known labor journalist, arrived here Thursday to confer with a Seattle committee which asked him to edit a new, people's morning newspaper.

Intervention Plot By Nazis Bared

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bor's Red Cross for Spain, New York City.

Moral and financial support for the Spanish people will be rallied by the Communist Party here Sunday, September 6th, in an open-air mass meeting in Jefferson Park at 1:30 p. m. Speakers will include William Schneiderman, state secretary of the C.P., and Frank Carlson, state secretary of the Young Communist League.

Plan "Excuse" for Nazis

MADRID—General Francisco Franco, commander of the Fascist forces, has worked out a plan for direct German intervention in Spain, in the event the tide goes against him, as appears inevitable.

Hitler's troops are to land on Spanish soil in an effort to force the Spanish government to resign and to place Franco in power with a Fascist militaristic dictatorship, it was revealed by a lieutenant who deserted the Fascists.

If he sees defeat inevitable, Franco plans to have his coast guard batteries bombard the British squadron at Gibraltar, make an attack with a regiment composed of officers into the international zone of Tangier, and have his Fascists in Seville attack the Italian and German consulates.

By arrangement with the Nazis, Germany will land marines from the 15 warships in Spanish waters if a German consulate is attacked anywhere in Spain, and will claim the government has not sufficient authority over its own nationals to protect foreign interests in Spain.

E. BAY COUNCIL HITS PASSING THRU PICKETS

To Hold Conference On Question In Near Future

OAKLAND—Support against the Earl King frameup came at the Alameda Central Labor Council's last meeting, in the adoption of a resolution supporting the conference called in San Francisco by the Marine Firemen Defense Committee.

Two delegates—Mugianis and Doyle, were appointed to attend.

On Passing Picket Lines

The division of opinion in the Teamsters on the question of going through picket lines was raised by President Lester, of Teamsters Local 70. Lester disagreed with reactionary Secretary-Treasurer Charles Real, who has been in the habit of sending the Teamsters through the machinists' and other picket lines.

The Central Labor Council voted against passing through any picket lines.

Call Conference on Picketing A motion was made to call a conference of all union representatives in the near future, on the question of crossing picket lines. This motion followed a statement by Council Secretary Spooner that the unions should have an understanding that they do not pass through picket lines.

A motion was made to have the Council Secretary investigate police brutality at the California Cotton Mill strikers and report back to the Council.

A motion was made to donate an additional \$50 to Machinists Local 284 Women's Auxiliary, to aid the strike of 1800 machinists, and \$50 to the California Cotton Mill strikers.

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time unions affiliated San Francisco Council, Maritime Federation of Pacific, held September 1, adopted resolution requesting Senate committee investigating activities of employers' spies and provocateurs operating in trade unions come to San Francisco to determine facts regarding activities employers' agents in maritime unions.

"During past year many members of maritime unions have been arrested as result of activities of employers' stool pigeons. Nine union men known as Modesto defendants now serving sentences in San Quentin as a result of testimony given by employers' stool pigeons.

"Earl King, secretary Marine Firemen's Union, and other union men now faced with murder charges as result of activities of employers' stool pigeons. This case being tried in newspapers by District Attorney, Alameda county, and obvious attempt being made to turn public sentiment against maritime unions at time when unions are negotiating with employers for amendments a renewal of working agreements.

"Requests prompt action by your committee to prevent further frameups by employers of union men.

"Among the protest telegrams received by Warren was one from I.L.A. Local 38-76, Everett, Wash.

Building Clumsy Frameup

Adding to the so-called confessions of Murphy and Wallace, and the statement of stool-pigeon Matthew Guidera (who was exposed in the last issue of the Western Worker) District Attorney Warren, in carrying the clumsy frameup attempt still further, brought a new anti-union element into the picture in the person of one Floyd Vaughan, a member of the Marine Firemen's Union, who, Warren stated, swore out a warrant a month ago for the arrest of Ben Sakowitz and Wallace.

Warren reported Vaughan's present whereabouts as "unknown." Vaughan's record in the Firemen's Union is one of fighting the militants.

Ramey Denies Knowledge of Murder

Ramsey, a past patrolman of the Firemen's Union, who has also been indicted, along with King, denied on Thursday any knowledge of "beef squads" being used against any union members who were against the officials of the maritime unions.

A former oiler on the Point Lobos, Frank Conner, arrested in Seattle and brought here delivered another of the so-called "confessions."

Further proof that the whole frameup is part of the shipowners' attempt to smash the maritime unions was seen in the bringing in of the names of

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forward. The organization of the mass production industries, like steel, automobile, rubber, textile, etc., is at last under C.I.O. guidance, taking concrete shape.

In California, the organization of the agricultural workers should take equally concrete shape. Since the Stockton Conference in June, very little drive has been given to this vital task by the State Federation of Labor, and reactionary officials such as Vandeleur, the Caseys, and their colleagues.

Nevertheless, in the Salinas areas, in Stockton, in Bakersfield, the agricultural unions have, with support of the Central Labor Councils, taken this task seriously. The fighting agricultural workers in southern California, fresh from militant strike struggles, are eager to enter the A.F.L.

The Labor Day demonstrations should be made a reminder to the State Federation officials that the most serious and down-to-business steps must be taken to organize California's 250,000 agricultural workers.

This Labor Day, California's workers, along with hundreds of thousands of members of organized labor throughout the country, will also demonstrate for the unity of the organized labor movement, against the splitting suspension action of the craft union reactionaries on the A.F.L. Executive Council. Scores of resolutions against the C.I.O. suspension, adopted by California union bodies, show that this will be uppermost in the minds of California labor on Labor Day.

California organized labor, demonstrating on Labor Day, will have in mind the necessity to fight determinedly against the open shoppers' growing attacks against the maritime unions and indeed against all organized labor in this state.

The frameup in the Point Lobos case is a menace to the entire organized labor movement on the West Coast.

The growth of the maritime unions has been the stimulating force making for the great advance of organized labor as a whole in this state. An attempt to smash the maritime unions is an attempt to smash all unions.

Organized labor as a whole should rally behind those whom the shipowners and the authorities aim to frame-up, at a time when the maritime unions are attempting to improve their awards.

The open shoppers have recently been seen in action by the San Jose laundry strikers, by the Orange County citrus strikers, by the machinists, cotton mill and other strikers in East Bay, and in nearly every strike of recent occurrence in the state.

The fight against the attempt to smash organized labor in California should be made a unified fight of all trade unions.

The fight around these issues has begun to swing organized labor's ranks toward independent political action. This Labor Day sees Labor Party and Farmer-Labor Party groups already formed under trade union leadership in many parts of the country. The Labor Day parades will express the growth in Farmer-Labor sentiment in the ranks of organized labor.

New York's Labor Party, formed by leaders of Labor's Non-Partisan League; the resolution adopted by the Mine, Mill, and Smeltermen convention in Denver recently, are but two examples. The fight against the Fascist elements, the Hearst-Liberty League-Landon combine has begun to crystallize the sentiment for independent political action by organized labor.

In California, the Labor Non-Partisan League should begin to take similar action to that of the New York organization, toward uniting with all progressive forces, against Fascism, for labor's rights, for a Farmer-Labor Party.

—STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.

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and mimeographed by agents of the shipowners is read, laughed at and dropped to the gutter or crumpled and tossed in the nearest trash can.

Tuesday, all day, there was a demand for the WESTERN WORKER.

By mid-afternoon the following day the Communist Party statement and that of Lawrence Ross regarding the frame-up had been read, literally, by hundreds.

It had passed by word of mouth up and down the Embarcadero. It was accepted as the truth because it said exactly what thousands of employer-ridden men already, almost instinctively, had sensed.

The word "stool-pigeon" is used freely in connection with Murphy and Guidera.

The latter, a seaman, has divulged, played the part of a shipowner's stooge in the strike on the S. S. Pennsylvania. He appointed himself as "representative" of the Marine Cooks and Stewards on the Pennsylvania Strike Committee.

He was booted off the committee by the rank and file after his provocative activities had made it clear upon which side of the fence he stood. This fact is common property among the seamen of the East Coast.

There is every indication the shipowners, lacking in spite of their paid agents, a knowledge of the temper of the men on the Front, have been a bit foolhardy in springing this frame-up.

For it appears the split they had hoped to create is becoming actually, a rallying point of solidarity. Personal beefs and minor differences of opinion are forgotten.

"Smash the frame-work and stick together for September 30!" more than ever before is uppermost in the minds of thousands on the waterfront today.

George Woolf, secretary of the Ship Scalers Union, and Harry Bridges, by Wallace and by Guidera. The case is such a flimsy one that the shipowners and the authorities, who would be glad to involve militant leaders like Woolf and Bridges, are unable thus far to attempt to frame these leaders.

Warren pointed out that these men have not been accused of anything, but that, in the case of Woolf and some who are in the Firemen's Union, "their actions will be investigated."

GREAT SHOW OF STRENGTH BY UNIONS MON.

50,000 March In S.F.; L.A. To Have 30,000; East Bay 40,000

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represent over 200 union locals.

Los Angeles union officials estimate that nearly 120 unions will be in the parade. Twenty union bands have been engaged and many more are expected to march.

The unions there will begin to assemble at 9 a. m. Labor Day for the parade. The parade will begin on Broadway at Pico and march north to First Street, east on First Street to Spring and north on Spring Street past the reviewing stand at the City Hall.

Big Labor Struggle

Los Angeles, San Pedro, Long Beach and Wilmington organized labor, and organized labor throughout southern California will mark, on Labor Day, the midst of a great struggle for labor's rights, such as the right to picket.

In some towns, like Compton, to anti-picket ordinance has been defeated.

Mass picketing in Los Angeles has gone a long way to increase the ranks of the unions. The Los Angeles union membership has more than doubled in the past 12 months, and is now over 80,000.

Biggest Yet In S. F.

In San Francisco, commitments already received by John A. O'Connell, secretary of the committee, provide for 45 bands, 20 floats and a large number of uniformed delegates from the 140 unions which will participate.

The parade will start from the Ferry building at 10 a. m. sharp, with Thomas Chambers, president of the San Francisco Building Trades Council, as grand marshal.

It is estimated the parade will require three hours to pass a given point.

"With improved conditions for labor, San Francisco will witness the largest demonstration in its history on this Labor Day," Vandeleur said. "The celebration will bring thousands of persons from the surrounding territory, according to our estimates."

In addition to the parade, there will be literary exercises in Civic Auditorium at 2 p. m., with George T. Davis, attorney for Tom Mooney, speaker of the day. In the evening there will be a two-hour entertainment in Civic Auditorium, which will be followed by the annual Labor Day ball.

The Oakland parade, in which all Alameda County unions will be represented, will stretch for miles. Besides 40,000 men and women marching, there will be 40 floats depicting the history of organized labor.

The parade will start at Fourth and Broadway, thence north on Broadway to 20th Street, and thence east to Lake Merritt, where the parade will disband. The parade will start promptly at 10 a. m.

A boxing tournament at Oakland Municipal Auditorium, featuring Tommy Loughran and Ray Impellittere, and dancing in the auditorium at night will take care of the entertainment part of East Bay's Labor Day.

Browder On Radio Again Labor Day

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a split in the American Federation of Labor as a result of the bureaucratic and reactionary policies of William Green and the A.F.L. Executive Council; and also on the urgent necessity of building a Farmer-Labor Party.

California workers will hear the coast-to-coast broadcast from 6:15 to 6:30 p. m., Pacific Coast time. The following western stations will release the program:

Tune In!

KGO, San Francisco; KECA, Los Angeles; KFSD, San Diego; KLO, Ogden, Utah; KEX, Portland; KPR, Seattle; and KGA, Spokane.

First state-wide broadcast of the California Election Campaign Committee of the Communist Party, was signed and sealed last Tuesday by Anita Whitney, state chairman.

Call Defense Meet for King

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are negotiating amendments and changes in their working agreements. At this crucial time, the shipowners, backed by the Industrial Association and other organized groups of employers, are carrying on an intensive campaign to disrupt and weaken the Maritime unions.

Use of Stools

This campaign is characterized by the use of stool pigeons and provocateurs. As a part of the campaign of disruption and vilification, Brother Earl King, Secretary of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers' Association, and Brother E. H. Ramsey have been arrested and charged with the murder of George Alberts, Chief Engineer of the S. S. Point Lobos.

For the purpose of protecting the interests of these men whom we believe to be falsely charged, the Marine Firemen Union has elected a defense committee. It is the intention of this committee to bring the true situation before the public and to cooperate with similar committees from other unions elected for this purpose.

Inasmuch as this case is an obvious frame-up designed to weaken or destroy the Maritime unions and to prejudice the public against trade unions in general, we believe that every trade union on the Pacific Coast should cooperate in the defense of our framed up brothers.

Therefore, IT IS IMPORTANT that every union send official delegates or observers to the general trade union conference which is being called by the Firemen's Union Defense Committee at the Building Trades Assembly Hall, 200 Guerrero Street, San Francisco, Tuesday, September 8, at 8 p. m. We earnestly request your cooperation and support in fighting this vicious attack against the organized labor movement.

MORE LOS ANGELES UNIONS HIT SUSPENSION OF CIO

LOS ANGELES.—Condemnation of the A.F.L. Executive Council's threat to oust 10 C.I.O. unions is coming thick and fast from Los Angeles local unions.

The protests follow the action of the Central Labor Council in making a similar protest.

Hollywood Local 5 of the Painters Union passed a resolution at its last meeting requesting that the C.I.O. unions be

allowed to remain in the A.F.L., and that the issue come up at the A.F.L. convention in Tampa, with the C.I.O. delegates present.

The action of the Executive Council was also hit in a protest against the suspension, passed almost unanimously by the District Council of Painters.

International Longshoremen's Assn. delegates from San Pedro to the State Federation conven-

SPONSORS OF TERROR KNOWN

SAN FRANCISCO—Identity of the financial backers of Sonoma County vigilante terror is known here and has been turned over to Henry Dietz, former G-Man and special investigator for Attorney General U. S. Webb. This announcement was made to the Western Worker today by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The A.C.L.U. information included the naming of the trustee for a fund which the kidnapping, tarring and feathering of Jack Green and Sol Nizberg was a part.

"We are turning this information over to the Attorney General's office to see what it will do toward prosecuting those who support such lawless activity are just as responsible as those who carry it out."

Labor Day A Day Of New Hope

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glorious tradition by new advances throughout the country.

But to advance, we must increase our membership. This coming year must see millions of new workers brought into unions.

Every man and woman who works for wages should be part of our great movement that is seeking a better life for all.

On our shoulders rests the task of ending unemployment and poverty, and fear of poverty. We must not shrink that task.

Want Unionism

Millions of wage-earners are awakening to the value of trade unions. They have learned from the terrible experience of the last seven years.

They want unionism, and they want courageous leadership. More and more of them, on this Labor Day, are stirred to new hope by the activities of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The Committee for Industrial Organization has indeed shown that mass-production workers can markedly improve their conditions through industrial unions.

Tens of thousands of auto workers and rubber workers have won wage increases with its aid. They have protected their jobs; they have shortened hours.

Shippers Hinder Marine Peace

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against the unconditional arbitration demanded by the employers, on ship

LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

"DEAR COMRADES:

"Many people, both members and Party sympathizers, are spreading the report that radicals should vote for Roosevelt. Many say that after hearing Browder's speech, they felt that he wanted them to vote for Roosevelt so as to defeat Landon.

"I would suggest that you give this matter your immediate attention, and write a full article giving the Party reasons for voting the Communist ticket. This could be given wide publicity and counteract such deviation from the Party line.

"Comradely,
"F. C.
"P. S. Let me congratulate you on the fine paper you are turning out. We are not using it enough in this campaign."

Landon Main Foe

This letter came from San Mateo County to the Western Worker, but probably represents confusion and misunderstanding on the 1936 election campaign of the Communist Party, throughout the state.

"First of all, let us understand what the main issue in this campaign is—Democracy vs. Fascism. The Hearst-Liberty League candidate, Alf Landon, represents the gravest danger to the American people.

As our presidential candidate, Comrade Browder, warned in recent speeches, the Fascist-minded financiers and industrialists behind the Republican Party campaign may even borrow a leaf from the Spanish Fascists and seek to cancel the results of the election if they are unfavorable to them.

Will Stop At Nothing

"They (the Liberty Leaguers) have raised all the necessary slogans," said Browder. "The only question would be: have they got the nerve to try it?"

In other words, these Fascist forces will not balk at mass murder of the American people in a duplicate of the Spanish Fascists' "putsch" but they will balk if the American people show plainly that they, the people, won't let them get away with it.

In this greatest crisis since the Civil War, the question then comes down to: "If I vote for Roosevelt, am I voting against Fascism?"

The unequivocal answer to this is: "NO."

Roosevelt Not Anti-Fascist

To quote from the Communist Platform:

"Roosevelt is bitterly attacked by the camp of reaction. But he does not fight back these attacks. Roosevelt compromises. He grants but small concessions to the working people, while making big concessions to Hearst, to Wall Street, to the reactionaries."

Politically, the President is wobbling around somewhere between the Liberty League camp and democracy, and his exact position at any given moment depends upon what pressure is placed upon him. Therefore, he is definitely not an anti-Fascist.

Make Your Vote Count

It's an old politician's by-word to tell the working people not to throw their votes away by voting for a minority party. But in 1936, the only vote that will count in practical results in the years to come is a vote for the Communist Party. The reason is this:

The only solution for the working people is to organize themselves independently, under their own banner, with their own leadership and program, in a mighty people's front—a Farmer-Labor Party.

In the 1936 election campaign, and in fact in all political activity, the Communist Party fights with all its might to build and create such a Farmer-Labor Party. The Communist Party is the driving force behind such a united people's front.

Vote Communist!

Therefore, working people who recognize the grave danger of Fascism and who likewise recognize that a Farmer-Labor Party is the only barrier to Fascism, must also recognize the fact that a vote for the Communist Party is a vote that counts because it's cast for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party.

REACTION IN SOUTH

BESSEMER, Ala.—Maintaining that the law under which Jack Barton, Communist organizer, was railroaded to a 10-months sentence on the chain gang is unconstitutional, the International Labor Defense is appealing the case to the State Supreme Court.

Demand "Citizen" Retract Libel

SAN FRANCISCO.—Retraction of libelous statements against the Communist Party and Carl B. Patterson, Communist candidate for Congress in the 9th District, is demanded of the out-and-out Fascist publication, "The American Citizen," and its publisher, Henry R. Sanborn, at 509 Sansome St., San Francisco.

The following letter was addressed to Sanborn and the "Citizen":

Gentlemen:
In the August 12th, 1936, edition of your publication there appeared an article to the general effect that the Superior Court in Fresno County had issued a temporary injunction enjoining the Fresno County Clerk from printing the name of the Communist Party candidate for Congressman on the ballot at the coming election.

In view of the fact that no temporary or other injunction or restraining order had been issued by the Court; and in view of the fact that the entire matter had been terminated on August 4th, (eight days prior to your article), which fact must have been known to you; and in view of the fact that upon the hearing the court refused any relief to the petitioner for the injunction, and refused to issue any injunction in the matter, having sustained the demurrer of Carl B. Patterson to the petition, my clients Mr. Patterson, and the election committee of the Communist Party feel that the mentioned article was published with malicious intentions to injure the Communist Party in its present election campaign.

My clients therefore demand of you that you publish a retraction of your libelous statements, and conform to the provisions of Section 48-a of the Civil Code of the State of California.

Yours very truly,
George Anderson, Attorney.

Reverse Frame-Up Convictions

SANTA ANA.—Arrested and convicted for trespassing upon property of the Times-Mirror Company, operating the Union Citrus Orchards properties, Charles McLaughlin, Communist candidate for Congress in the 19th District, won a reversal on his conviction in Superior Court here last Friday.

Likewise reversed was the conviction of Juan Garcia, Domingo Moraino, Augustine Rodriguez, Ventura Terrones and Jesus Perez, for driving an automobile just off the highway and onto private property of the Placentia Orange Growers Association.

The judge reversed both convictions on appeal on the ground that the "complaint states facts insufficient to constitute a public offense."

Both cases were frame-ups concocted by the growers with their county officials as stooges, in the recent strike of orange pickers in Orange County.

Attorney for the defendants was J. Allan Frankel, acting for the International Labor Defense.

Rich Duck Taxes Via State Sales Tax

SACRAMENTO.—How the rich avoid paying their share of governmental costs, is seen in the State Board of Equalization report on sales-tax collections, which average \$209,890 per day. Total collections for the three-month period ending June 30th amounted to \$19,100,000.

Ninety per cent or better of the sales tax burden falls on the working people, small farmers, and the unemployed.

"Jewish World" Hits Father Coughlin's Jew-Baiting

MINNEAPOLIS.—Jew-baiting statements by Father Coughlin of "Union Party" ill-repute, were scored by the American Jewish World in an editorial.

"Is it your conception of social justice to traffic in prejudices and to incite one group of the nation against another?" demanded the editorial of Father Coughlin.

"Is this your example of 'Christian principle of brotherhood' which you call the Jew to accept?"
Fascist to Speak in Cal.
SAN FRANCISCO.—Paul Fratessa, state supervisor for Coughlin's National Union for Social Justice, announced that the Fascist radio priest will fly west from Detroit and address a meeting at the Pasadena Rose Bowl October 25th. Fratessa is also trying to secure the Los Angeles Coliseum for the meeting.

C.P. DEMANDS FREE SPEECH ON THE RADIO

Mother Bloor Talks In Fresno On Sept. 9th

FRESNO.—Carrying on a fight for free speech in all respects, the Communist Party election campaign committee in the 9th Congressional District asks that demands be made on Howard Lane and Engstrom of the McClatchy Broadcasting Company, controlling Station KFMJ here and Station KFBK, Sacramento.

Lane is in Sacramento, and Engstrom in Fresno.

The Communist Party is trying to arrange for time on September 9th, Admission Day, with "Mother" Ella Roove Bloor and Carl B. Patterson, Communist congressional candidate, speaking.

"Mother" Bloor Speaks
"Mother" Bloor, a member of the national executive committee of the American League Against War and Fascism, will speak here at City Auditorium on September 9th on the subject, "Peace and Job Security."

The campaign committee also urges that demands be made upon Mayor Z. Leymel and P. H. McMurry, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, at City Hall, Fresno, that the right to use public buildings and parks for meetings be granted to the Communist Party. The supervisors recently refused to repeal an ordinance denying free speech to the Communist Party.

Refuse Warrants For Vigilantes; Healy On Radio

SAN FRANCISCO.—Offer of Vernon D. Healy, Communist candidate for Congress in the 1st District, to go to Sonoma County and swear out warrants against Fred Shryver and Fred Eberhart, state highway police officers, for vigilante actions, was turned down here by Investigator Dietz, of State Attorney General U.S. Webb's office.

The police severely beat up Healy shortly before the Santa Rosa tar-and-feather episode a year ago, for which 12 vigilantes are now under indictment. Dietz claimed that because of the difference in dates of the two vigilante terror acts, "it is not possible to connect the two cases."

Radio Speech
EUREKA.—Workers and small farmers in Northern California counties are urged to organize radio parties on Saturday, September 5th, to hear Vernon D. Healy speak over Station KIEM, Eureka, on the Communist election program from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Healy will also speak for his campaign on Tuesday, September 8th, at 8 p.m. at the Finnish Workers Club, 1418 A Street, Eureka.

Nearly 16,000,000 Dependent on Relief

WASHINGTON.—A survey of the relief situation shows nearly 16,000,000 persons depending upon national, state or local government for their livelihood.

The total number of persons and families on relief rolls of the U. S. Government and the various state or local units is 1,874,601.

Figuring that 90% of these are family groups with an average of 3 1/2 members each, the number becomes 15,742,134. The average wage on WPA is \$50 a month, it is shown, and this is far below union scales.

Reaction In 13th Cong. District.

EAST LOS ANGELES.—With the instigation and aid of all reactionary forces in the 13th Congressional District, including Congressman Charles Kramer, the so-called East Los Angeles Business and Professional Women's Club is starting a campaign "to combat the holding of any Communist meetings in this community or any attempt to spread Red propaganda."

Evelyn C. White is heading a committee of 20 to lead this fight against constitutional rights here in the 13th District, particularly directed at hampering and depriving legal rights of the Communist Party and its candidate, Emma Cutler.

"Save The Young Generation!" Is The Fighting 3rd Plank Of Communist Platform

(Editorial)

ONCE upon a time, the young people of California and the nation generally looked forward to "growing up," to the time when they would go out into the world as adults, ready and able to stand on their two feet to make a living. Today, after seven lean years of depression, "once upon a time" sounds very long ago to the youth, who can no longer believe in the capitalists' fairy stories of "opportunity for everyone."

Young people today come out of school to face a bleak, jobless future. They cannot find jobs, they cannot plan for the future. Many of them are forced out of school at an early age because their parents can no longer afford to send them.

Fight With C. P. Platform!

The youth of today are becoming a "lost generation." But they are learning, particularly their most militant sections, that they have to fight for opportunity but that it can be done. In 1936 the Communist Party election platform gives them something to fight for, alone of all political parties and their platforms.

The Communist Party platform advances as its third plank the slogan: "Save the Young Generation!"

Calling for the demands of the youth for opportunity, education and work, this plank supports these demands as embodied in the American Youth Act—the Benson-Amle Bill—and demands that they be enacted into law.

Make it the Law of the Land

This bill provides for jobs, educational opportunities, and vocational training for all young people between the ages of 16 and 25.

The Communist Party further states that the National Youth Administration budget must be maintained and enlarged, that free education and financial assistance to the youth and the children must be guaranteed by both federal and state appropriations, that child labor must once and for all be abolished and made unconstitutional.

The militarization of the youth, such as is going on right now in the many CCC Camps in California and the nation, as well as in the high schools and colleges, must be halted once and for all, demands the Communist platform.

This is not only a platform for the youth, it is also for the parents who want to see their children become self-respecting workers and farmers with a future of a free, prosperous, and happy America.

For a Farmer-Labor Party

The Communist Party calls for support of its 1936 platform, the minimum demands of which could very well be adopted and carried through triumphantly by a Farmer-Labor Party in California and the nation, a genuine united people's front. The Communist Party fights day-and-night for the building of such a Farmer-Labor Party as the only bulwark against the growing forces of reaction and Fascism.

Read and discuss this plank and the others in our 8-point program. Order pamphlet copies of our complete platform at once at one cent each for distribution to your friends, neighbors and fellow-workers.

This is YOUR platform, this is OUR platform. Fight for it!

New Headquarters Progressive Meet For Browder-Ford Club

SAN FRANCISCO.—New headquarters have been opened by the 26th Assembly District Browder-Ford Club here at 629 Haight St.

The headquarters are large will include a book store, a large meeting room, and other rooms for classes in the 1936 Platform of the Communist Party and in the principles of the Communist Party. Open forums are to be held every Sunday night.

The 26th Assembly District Campaign Committee will also sponsor street meetings every Saturday at 7 p.m. at the corner of Haight and Steiner Sts.

The headquarters will be open every night, with the public invited.

Lundeen To Run In Place Of Olson

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Congressman Ernest Lundeen, co-sponsor of the Frazier-Lundeen Social Insurance Bill, has been named by the state central committee of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party as successor to the late Governor Floyd B. Olson as candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Progressive Meet Calls Youth

In order to attract youth organizations, the coming state-wide convention for United Political Action to be held in Los Angeles September 19th and 20th, will have a youth section.

The Youth Promotional Committee has sent out a call headed: "To the Progressive Youth of California." It is planned to develop a program at the convention "around which we can rally the progressive youth organizations in a united youth movement that could assert itself on the political and economic fields."

Youth Active In Politics

Pointing out that the youth face the most critical situation yet faced by any American generation, the call states that united political action is the key note of the situation and points to thriving youth political organizations, such as the Farmer-Labor Juniors of Minnesota, Progressives of Wisconsin, and the Youth Section of the Commonwealth Federation of Washington.

"Youth is for the first time building a political movement in their own interest instead of being used as a political pawn," the call concludes.

DONATIONS TO C.P. ELECTION DRIVE LISTED

20th Assembly Dist. Leading Drive In San Francisco

Stressing the necessity of increasing the collection speed, the State Campaign Committee of the Communist Party reported the following recent donations to the People's Chest Against Reaction:

Browder meeting committee, S. F., \$556.01; D. A., Santa Cruz, \$1.50; S. F. Worker, day's wages, \$2; S. F. County, coupon books and contributions, \$26.86; V. M., Santa Barbara, coupon book, \$3.50; Alameda County, coupon books, \$17.85; D. R., Santa Barbara, coupon book, \$3.50; San Diego County, \$23.41; E. G., Tuare, \$10; Sonoma County, for radio fund, \$5.20; Y., S. F., coupon book and day's wages, \$8; Sacramento, coupon books, 10.50.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The 20th Assembly District Campaign Committee is setting the pace here in raising funds for the People's Chest, last week again turning in \$15 on coupon donation books.

The committee also leads the way in distribution of Communist Party platforms, with 2355. Next is Golden Gate with 1212; Professional Section, 1134; Mission, 1100; Waterfront, 732; and Fillmore, 515.

The San Francisco Campaign Committee is planning four broadcasts over Station KPO on September 18th, October 13th, 16th and 27th.

Support Swung To Palmer Against Buron Fitts

LOS ANGELES.—Two organizations which supported Assemblyman Evans in the primaries, have swung their support to Harlem G. Palmer, publisher of the Hollywood Citizen-News, for the final November elections, it was reported by Palmer headquarters.

The organizations are the Third Supervisory District Association and a county-wide group of 140 organizations, unnamed.

Assemblyman Evans, third man in the race for district attorney in the primaries, announced that he had not yet made up his mind in respect to the finals. Opposing Palmer is the reactionary, labor-hating incumbent, Buron Fitts.

Another Boy Drowns In Abandoned WPA "Water Hole"

LOS ANGELES.—A "water hole," 16 feet deep, on an abandoned W.P.A. project, claimed the life of another young boy, the second in three months, when Manuel Contreras, 14 years of age, drowned while swimming in the hole.

As a result of this second death, a meeting was called in the neighborhood by Local 33 of the Workers Alliance. A committee of 15 was elected to demand that the Board of Supervisors close the death trap.

The "waterhole" was left when P.W.A. Project 643, which called for the building of a railroad spur for the Southern Pacific Railway with public funds, was completed.

Past protests to various city officials have met with no result.

F.D.R. AND WAR

HYDE PARK, N. Y.—President Roosevelt expressed the wish for more modern anti-aircraft guns here as he viewed a regiment armed with the army's finest equipment for anti-aerial fighting.

Progressives Act To Mobilize

LOS ANGELES.—Effective mobilization of California's progressive and labor forces against reactionaries is expected to develop at the state-wide convention called by the California State Continuation Committee for United Political Action for Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th.

The convention will be held at Lake St., Los Angeles, and leading progressives declare, "bids fair to result in the formation of a Committee for the Promotion of a Farmer-Labor Party."

The committee has sent out representatives with credentials all over the state to rally support of farmers' organizations, trade unions, cooperatives, and all progressive organizations. Some 1000 calls have been mailed out already by the Committee.

In a supplementary letter to the call, the Committee stated: "Please understand that any action to be taken by this Convention will not be binding upon any organization or group represented, and your organization will not stand committed to its decisions until your delegates have submitted a report for the approval of your own organization."

This statement is intended for attention of Assembly District Councils, set up by the Continuation Committee by the authorization of the May 10th Conference for United Political Action, which have already been active and which endorsed candidates prior to the August primaries.

"Outstanding among events since May 10th was the National Conference for a Farmer-Labor Party, held in Chicago May 30-31st, attended by delegates from every pro-labor, farm, liberal, progressive and radical group in the country, including two delegates from our own California State Continuation Committee."

"Based on the report of our delegates, it will be our job to discuss and formulate the position of our movement in California in relation to this national movement, after November 3rd."

Alf Ows Willie Too Much To Break With Fascist Publisher

WASHINGTON.—Alf Landon, Republican candidate, has privately admitted an obligation to William Randolph Hearst, Republican big-wigs have admitted here, and he will not be able to break with the Fascist publisher.

Even though Landon gave a push at Hearst's red-baiting scheme in opposing the teacher's oath and in opposing sales taxes as against income taxes, in a recent speech, it "don't mean a thing," it is reported.

The speech on education and its boasts about the Kansas educational system, were carefully planned to answer Democratic exposures of the bad educational facilities in Kansas schools.

WORKERS' HOMES

WASHINGTON.—The AFL reports that two-thirds of the workers who own homes have incomes so low they cannot afford decent homes.

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Labor Day Is Symbol of Unity!

LABOR DAY, 1936, is of especial significance. It finds the organized labor movement in the United States threatened with a major split.

The suspension order of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor against the unions of the Committee for Industrial Organization, the move to expel 1,000,000 workers from the American Federation of Labor, constitutes a major threat to the strength of organized labor—a strength based on unity.

Labor Day has always been a symbol of the unity of the organized labor movement. Marching feet expressed the determination of the workers to carry on their struggle, for the emancipation of labor.

This Labor Day must be made a day of protest against the splitting actions of Bill Green and his stooges on the Executive Council of the A.F.L. It must be made a day on which the ranks of organized labor, marching in every major city, express their determination to maintain a unified labor movement!

Labor Day, 1936, has a two-fold significance on the Pacific. The shipowners are organizing and maneuvering to "move in" on the waterfront unions, to bring back pre-1934 conditions on the waterfronts of the Pacific Coast.

To accomplish this, they have launched a broad publicity campaign aimed at deceiving the public generally as to the demands of the waterfront unions, at spreading the lie the unions are following a "rule or ruin at all costs" policy.

Not content with this, the shipowners, in collaboration with the Industrial Association and its hired stool pigeons, have inspired and engineered a monstrous frame-up against militant union leaders and against the Communist Party, determined to besmirch and discredit both in an attempt to confuse and weaken the ranks of the waterfront unions at the time they are negotiating for new agreements.

This matter is not one of concern for the waterfront workers only. It is a sharp challenge to the rest of organized labor on the Pacific Coast.

All trade unions, all central labor bodies should express in no uncertain terms their solidarity with the waterfront workers in their struggle to eliminate certain basic evils in the present agreements.

All bodies of organized labor should follow the example set by the Alameda Central Labor Council and should go on record at once a protesting the frame-up attempts of the shipowners.

Labor Day this year must be made a symbol of working class unity on the Pacific Coast to smash the shipowners' vicious frame-up!

In Los Angeles and in Long Beach, where the Times and the Hearst press, working closely with the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, have launched a determined drive to defeat the organizing campaign of the Central Trades and Labor Council, Labor Day must be made into a mighty expression of the determination of organized labor to make the two Southern cities 100 per cent union towns!

Throughout California, on Labor Day, organized labor must serve notice to the employers that it is determined to struggle forward to a free, happy and prosperous America despite the attack of the Fascist-minded press, despite union-smashing drives, despite vicious frame-ups against working class leaders!

Progressive Unity Against Fitts

THE RACE for district attorney in Los Angeles County should bring all progressive and liberal forces together for the defeat of the reactionary incumbent, Burton Fitts.

The candidate best qualified, because of

his long record of activity in defense of working class defendants arrested for labor activity, would have been Grover Johnson. But with the elimination of Johnson in the primaries, the only candidate left to marshal the forces of progressivism against Fitts is Harlan Palmer, liberal publisher of the Hollywood "Citizen-News."

Palmer's record, while not as militantly pro-labor as Johnson's, still has been progressive. Recently the editor of Epic News asked Palmer what position he would take in labor strikes: "Would you prosecute pickets for violating the peace or for criminal acts, if possible?" he was asked.

"That would not come under my duties except in unincorporated territory," Palmer replied. "But if I were called to intervene I would not take the word of the police or the hired agents of the employers."

The "Citizen-News" has taken a consistent stand against the Criminal syndicalism law and other anti-working class legislation. In this it has expressed the viewpoint of its publisher.

We would like to see, from Mr. Palmer more definite commitments on how he stands on issues of vital importance to the working class.

Would he ever prosecute under the C. S. law? Would he defend the right to workers to organize, strike and picket? Would he prosecute and seek indictments of all police officers, such as those who compose the notorious "red squad," who use force, violence and terror against workers?

We urge all progressive voters to unite for the defeat of the arch-reactionary, Burton Fitts.

Defense of Assassins

(Reprinted from Daily Worker)

CLARENCE SENIOR, secretary of the Socialist Party of the United States, in the name of his Party's leadership, has joined the officials of the Second (Socialist) International and the International Federation of Trade Unions in coming to the defense of the Trotsky-Zinoviev gang of assassins who murdered the beloved leader of the Soviet masses, Sergei Kirov, and plotted the murder of Stalin and other leaders of the Communist Party and Socialist Government.

Senior, executive secretary of the Socialist Party, in a cable to the Norwegian Labor Party, states that "we deplore disunifying action of Soviet Government in conduct of recent trial" and calls on labor to defend the right of asylum for the chief organizer of the assassination plot, the stooge of the Nazi Gestapo, Leon Trotsky.

Every honest Socialist should ask himself: Whose action is disunifying, the action of the Soviet Government in cleaning out this gang of cutthroats who were plotting to destroy the Socialist Republic with the help of Hitler, or the action of the Socialist Party leadership in making common cause with them?

Compare Senior's cable with the statement of D. N. Pritt, famous English lawyer, who attended the trial. Pritt declares that the trial was conducted in the fairest and most exemplary fashion, and that "the courts of any country in the world would have passed the death sentence and would have carried it out." A group of American and English lawyers have cabled Roger Baldwin in similar vein.

Senior's defense of confessed murderers and tools of Fascism and his attack on the Soviet Government is a stab in the back of working class unity. It emphasizes once more that the Socialist Party, by opening its doors wide to the Trotskyists—though it rejects a united front with the Communist Party—has become the prisoner of counter-revolutionary Trotskyism.

Will the Socialist Party members stand by and allow their party to be dragged along this ruinous path?

A WELCOME TO AIR HEROES OF THE WORKINGCLASS



AFTER COMPLETING A 6000-mile non-stop flight across the Arctic regions of Siberia, three Soviet aviators are given a big welcome by leaders of the Soviet Union. Here are (left to right): Valery Chkaloff, George Baidukoff and Alexander Beliakov, conversing with Stalin, while at the right stands Voroshiloff, Red Army commander-in-chief.

Organizational Conferences In State of California

By B. G.

ALREADY at the State Convention held in June of this year a decision was unanimously adopted to hold a series of regional organizational conferences in California to discuss the life and work of our units with the view of strengthening and consolidating our Party so that it can more effectively carry through the many complicated tasks now confronting us.

Immediately after the National Convention, on the basis of the very splendid report of Comrade Brown to the Convention, our State Executive Committee decided to hold four organizational conferences in California the last week of July and the first week of August, with major attention and concentration upon the two largest conferences to be held in Los Angeles (comprising the counties in Southern California) and San Francisco (the Bay Area and a number of the surrounding counties).

It was the aim of the State Executive Committee to utilize these conferences to analyze the experiences of our Party in California in applying the new organizational forms—especially industrial units and branches—and to relate the conclusions drawn by the rest of the Party to our problems in California; to find out what prevented our units from really becoming leading political organizations in the shops, industries or trade unions, and the neighborhoods; to investigate the causes for the really tremendous fluctuation; to exchange the experiences between the various units emphasizing some of the good experiences as a means to improve the situation as a whole; and to draw certain general lessons and tasks for the entire Party so as to strengthen our lower Party organizations.

Preparation for the Conferences In preparations for these conferences, the material of the National Convention—namely, the resolution on organization, together with a few additional points which directly reflected the situation in California, were sent to every unit of our Party. The units were urged to discuss the proposals of the resolution and apply them to their specific situation.

On the basis of a thorough discussion, the units were asked to express their opinions on these vital questions in the form of a series of proposals to be presented to the general conferences to which were invited unit organizers, section and county committees and leading comrades. In the preparatory work many weaknesses were displayed. In some of the counties—as for instance Los Angeles, Fresno, etc.—the material never reached the units and the county organizations did not thoroughly analyze their own problems so as to prepare themselves properly for the conference.

The State Organization Commission also did not sufficiently popularize in advance the importance of these conferences and the problems to be discussed through the columns of the Western Worker, which offered us a good opportunity to reach every member of the Party. As a result in three of the conferences, the preparatory work was unsatisfactory and in some cases nonexistent and seriously affected the character and results of the conferences.

Only one of the conferences was well prepared in the sense that the units, sections and counties, discussed the problems in great detail and really came to the conference with definitely formed opinions on how to improve the situation.

Despite these weaknesses, however, these organizational conferences, especially the two in Los Angeles and San Francisco were two of the best conferences held in California. The conferences had an attendance of 250 comrades. They were of a real working character with the definite aim of drawing in the representatives of the lower organizations into a thorough discussion on how to solve the problems of the units.

Organization of the Conferences The conferences were so organized as to guarantee the fullest participation of the delegates. Opening in the morning, the conferences (in Los Angeles and San Francisco) began with a report on the part of a representative from the state committee dealing with the general organizational status in the district; the work and inner life of our Party units; the general hesitancy which still permeated the Party in applying new organizational forms; the experiences and tasks of shop, industrial and street units as well as an analysis of our experiences in the branch form of organization, laying special emphasis on how to develop the authority of the Party; the role of the unit leadership and the relation of the units to the higher committees. Following this report, two sub-reports were delivered by the leading county organizers concentrating the material of the general report.

The conferences were then split into two—the shop and industrial unit conference and the street unit and branch conference. These conferences opened with a ten minute introduction on the main points to be discussed and were followed with a thorough and detailed participation on the part of the delegates.

These conferences were especially effective because it enabled the comrades to discuss their problems and attempt to find a solution. To bring the deliberations of these conferences to the entire gathering, the general conference was reconvened where the summary of each of the separate conferences was given and the proposals adopted. The conferences in both Los Angeles and San Francisco ended in a spirit of high enthusiasm with the delegates feeling that it was a day well spent.

These conferences once again emphasized both the strength and weaknesses of the Party in California. It showed in the many reports of the delegates the splendid recruiting power of our Party in California.

It clearly brought forward the eagerness on the part of large numbers of our comrades to do work, and the desire to learn how to do it.

It showed a growing activity on the part of our comrades especially in the trade unions where some splendid results were attained in establishing the leadership of the comrades.

It showed also the first beginnings on the part of some units to develop some good election activity in an organized and systematic manner. But it was the weaknesses against which we hammered away at these conferences.

Weaknesses in Our Shop Work Despite the fact that our State Convention emphasized very sharply the necessity of establishing the Party in some of the important factories in the state—rubber, chemical, war industries, metal and steel, etc., at the time of the conferences no shop units had been established with the exception of one or two isolated ones in small shops where our units could not play a decisive role. The main tendency which hampered our shop work was the tendency to replace the shop form of organization by the industrial form—the expense of building the Party in the shops.

Thus for instance in Los Angeles, Oakland, etc., where good possibilities existed to build

shop units, industrial units were established which did not concentrate on one particular factory in which to entrench our Party. A general underestimation also existed especially on the part of the leading bodies, on the importance of building the shop units.

It was therefore necessary for these conferences to lay special stress on this question and to rally the comrades as a whole for active participation in setting up shop units and carrying out the decision of the State Convention to establish 10 shop units by the end of the year. Since the conferences the first results are already evident. One shop unit is already working in East Bay and another one to be established this week. In San Francisco also the basis for one shop unit exists and steps are being taken to call the comrades together. Los Angeles just reports that they also now have good possibilities of building a shop unit in an aircraft plant.

In one of the other sections an important shop unit was established in the shipyards. Thus in a period of three weeks several shop units have been established with a few others in the process of organization, showing what really great opportunities we have here to build the Party in the shops.

It is now the task of the county and state committees to give constant attention to these new units, not being satisfied with assigning a comrade to attend the meetings, but really working with the comrades and training them for independent Communist activity.

Industrial Units The situation with the industrial units as brought out by the major conferences is a little different than with the shop units. While there has been some hesitancy and confusion as to the establishment of these units, during the past six months nevertheless, about 25 industrial units (not including the waterfront which has been organized on an industrial basis for several years) were established.

There were such erroneous conceptions of the industrial unit for instance in Los Angeles, where a part of the membership of an industry were organized into an industrial unit, while the rest remained in the street unit.

What ensued was a constant strife between the industrial unit of the "elite" and the rest of the members. Or the situation in San Francisco of fearing to establish units in certain local trade unions on the ground that we were not building trade union units, but industrial units. And finally, the failure to really give careful and daily attention to these industrial units so that they could reduce their period of being "probation units" and become full-fledged political bodies of the Party.

As a result, the organizational conferences in both Los Angeles and San Francisco reflected the same weaknesses. Most of the industrial units were functioning too mechanically in but few instances had they really begun to deal with the Party problems on the basis of the issues and conditions in the industry. Some of the units were "excellent" routine bodies, carefully selling tickets, mechanically carrying through distribution of leaflets and Western Workers, and sometimes even literature.

But the activity ended right here. Others, dealt in the main with the direct union questions and never got around to discussing the Party problems. Discussions on local and national political issues seldom occupied the attention of these units. The major problems of the units therefore remained and stood out clearly at the conferences—how to really develop these industrial units into live political bodies of the Party, how to co-

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,

California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

UNITY NEEDED ON WATERFRONT

THE MARITIME unions are entering into a critical period of negotiations with the employers for amending the 1934 award. The shipowners seem determined to try and bring back the conditions which existed prior to the 1934 strike.

This brazen attempt to destroy union conditions and beat down the workers' living standard demands of every maritime worker the utmost vigilance to preserve the unity of the Maritime Federation. One of the main principles on which the maritime unions were built is rank-and-file control, complete democracy, and complete freedom from red-baiting.

The Only Guarantee

That is the way the waterfront workers established unity and solidarity on the Pacific Coast which is an example to the entire American labor movement.

The only guarantee of maintaining such unity in the face of the shipowners' attack is to continue to follow a policy against any form of discrimination toward a union member because of race, color, or creed. Any other policy would create disruption and dissension in the ranks of the unions, which is playing directly into the hands of the shipowners and their agents, who are hoping to weaken, divide, and eventually destroy the unions and their militant rank-and-file leadership.

In this critical period before Sept. 30th, any one who seeks to create such division in the ranks of the workers through red-baiting, is therefore consciously or unconsciously playing the shipowners' game against the welfare of the maritime unions and their membership.

Workers should be on guard against such disruptive attempts.

The "Red Scare's" Purpose There are some people who are attempting to beloud the issues by raising the "red scare," that age-old weapon of the employers against every union. They raise the cry that the "reds" or "Communists" are in a sinister "plot" to capture, disrupt or destroy the unions, to stir up trouble and strikes, etc.

The workers will remember that the employers last April used the same propaganda to cover up their lookout of the longshoremen for the purpose of abolishing the union hiring hall and eliminating the rank-and-file leadership of the union.

They use the same trick in every critical situation. They are using it now to throw overboard the 1934 award and bring back "Blue-Book" company-union conditions. They cover up their real purpose by expressing "concern" for the "welfare" of the unions, of which they are the bitterest enemies.

If there are any union men who carry on red-baiting in their organization, they have either been misled into falling for this carefully-laid trap of the shipowners, or they are conscious tools of the employers.

We hope they are only honest, sincere unionists who can be convinced they are following a wrong and dangerous policy which may destroy their organization.

Communists As Unionists

The Communist Party has no interest separate and apart from that of the unions and Organ-

ized Labor. Its policies are at all times discussed openly in its press. Communists are required to be good trade-unionists, and work actively for the building and the strengthening of the unions and in the interests of the workers.

They advocate and support a policy of rank-and-file control of the unions, complete trade union democracy, and open discussion by the membership on all questions.

They advocate industrial unionism in the A.F.L., and fight for a united American Federation of Labor. They advocate independent political action by labor, not as in the past supporting capitalist political candidates, but to organize labor's own party and put forward its own candidates. A Farmer-Labor party based on the trade unions.

That, in brief, is the policy advocated by Communists in the trade unions. Any Communist who does not work in the interests of rank and file policy in a union, or who consciously works against the interests of the workers, has no place in the Communist Party and is expelled from the party.

The Communist Party does not advocate strikes for their own sake. We know full well, as Earl Browder pointed out in his recent San Francisco speech, the cost of strikes to the workers. We would like to see a peaceful settlement by negotiations of every labor dispute.

But at the same time we will always defend and support the justified demands of the unions, we will defend labor's right to strike as a last resort when all other means to win improved conditions fail.

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Any one who reads our press knows that this has always been our policy. It is therefore absurd to fall for the kind of propaganda spread against the Communists in order to create a "red scare," in most cases done by conscientious agents of the employers, but sometimes by honest, misled union members.

The role of the Communist Party and the Western Worker in support of the maritime unions' struggles, and of the labor movement generally, is too well known ever since the 1934 strike, for the majority of the workers to be misled by red-baiting.

BLISTER RUST CONTROL CAMPS—WHERE HIGHWAY ROBBERY EXISTS

A large committee from the Alameda County Workers Alliance presented demands to the local WPA that the Blister Rust Control Camps be discontinued at once. These camps are nothing less than vicious, concentration camps for single men on relief.

More Than One Kind of Pest

Blister Rust is a pest that propagates in mulberry bushes and becomes a scourge on white pine trees. In California all the white pine trees grow at an altitude of over 5000 feet up in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Thus all these camps are located at or above this altitude.

Although there are from 100 to 200 men in each camp absolutely no sanitary facilities are provided. The men are housed in tents and not even a wooden floor is provided. Gasoline lamps are used for light which in itself presents a bad fire hazard. There are about 150 men in each of these camps.

Highway Robbery

The project is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Forestry.

The civil service rating for this type of work is \$105 per month but the WPA workers are paid only \$40 per month out of which is deducted \$8 for food.

The mulberry bushes are the only shrub that the workers are permitted to cut out and many times in order to reach these berry bushes it is necessary to crawl upon their hands and knees through the thick bush for many yards.

The result is that the branches and long thorns tear the clothing to ribbons in a very short time.

It is said that a pair of good corduroy pants will not last a week and no clothing is available in these camps even if the men had the money to buy some. When a group of six men asked the superintendent about some clothes he said, "If you haven't any clothes you can go naked."

(To Be Concluded)

G.B. BARRISTER PRAISES TRIAL OF TERRORISTS

**Says Death Penalty
For Trotskyites
Was Fair**

LONDON.—The Trotskyist-Zinovievite terrorists were fairly and judiciously treated. The courts of any country in the world would have passed the death sentence.

Thus declared the famous English Barrister and King's Counsel, D. N. Pritt, in the following cable to the London News Chronicle, protesting the telegram sent by leaders of the Labor and Socialist (Second) International to the Soviet government:

Shocked At Protest

"Greatly shocked to read the telegram of Bruckere and Citrine to the Soviet government concerning the trial of Zinoviev and others.

"I personally attended the trial in Moscow and followed the proceedings carefully. I am satisfied that the case was properly conducted and the accused fairly and judiciously treated. Their appearance and demeanor indicated complete absence of ill-treatment or fear.

Trial Completely Fair

"They voluntarily renounced counsel and addressed the court freely as often as they wished, including final speeches after the State Prosecutor had finished.

"I am personally satisfied that there is no ground whatever for insinuating that there was any unfairness. I consider the whole procedure and treatment of the prisoners throughout the trial as an example to the world.

"In a case where prisoners admitted their guilt in a deliberate conspiracy to murder the leaders of the state and overthrow the government, I think the courts of any country in the world would have passed the death sentence and would have carried it out."

More Lawyers Speak

NEW YORK.—Protest against the cablegram sent by the Labor and Socialist International and the International Federation of Trade Unions to the Soviet government, has been made by American and English lawyers in Moscow who followed the recent political trial of Zinoviev, Kamenev and others.

Signed by Joseph Edelman, Dudley Collard and Robert Lazarus, their cable stated in part:

Death Penalty Merited

"We desire to place on record that accused had perfectly fair trial, that on evidence and in particular on connections revealed between accused and Nazi secret police, death penalty well merited and that telegram, since not composed by ignorant men, can only be regarded as attempt to create prejudice against U.S.S.R. and liable to harm workless solidarity, about which authors' telegram profess be so concerned."

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The next step in Greece is a tremendous increase in armaments and war preparations.

Spanish Workers Are Hope Of World— German Worker

NEW YORK.—From Hamburg, once the "Red Heart" of Germany, a worker sends 25 Reichsmarks—his entire weekly wage—to save the people of Spain from the terror and death his own country knows under the Nazis.

Himself a veteran of the fight against Hitler in Germany, the giver said:

"Give this to the workers of Spain. Tell them they are the hope of the world. Tell them their fight is our fight."

The money was collected by an American sailor whose ship docked at Hamburg. With this foundation, the seamen of this ship succeeded in raising \$35 to be sent to Spain.

A German sailor, just off a Lloyd liner, walked into the office of the Spanish Defense Fund last week and plunked 10 marks down on the desk of the treasurer for the Spanish People's Fund, and remarked:

"There will be more next trip."

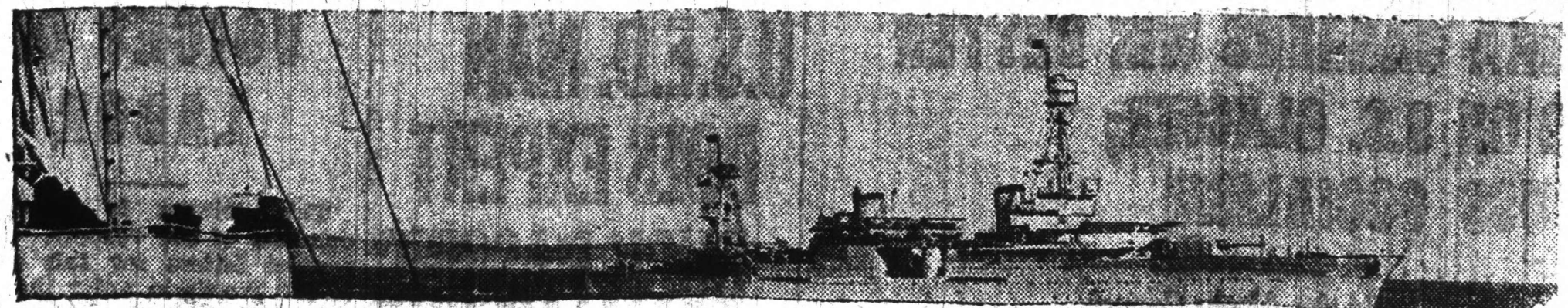
Seattle Seamen May Picket Nazi Ships To Aid Simpson

SEATTLE.—The International Seamen's Union branches are prepared to picket Nazi German ships entering this harbor, in protest against the continued imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp of Lawrence Simpson, American sailor, member of the Sailors Union.

This was reported to the Central Labor Council by I.S.U. delegate Fox.

Simpson was seized by Nazi secret police while he was aboard an American ship in Hamburg harbor.

LARGEST ARMAMENTS RACE IN HISTORY LOOMS FOR JANUARY 1ST



ARMS LIMITATION will be just a joke to the Fascist war-makers and the imperialists after January 1st, unless unlooked-for developments occur. United States, Great Britain and Japan are planning to build huge new battleships, immediately after present treaty restrictions expire with 1936. New battleships, like the U. S. ship above, are used in "war games," which are not child's play by any manner of means, but the start of a world armaments race represents the gravest danger to the peoples of the world that they will be used in a new slaughter.

British Creditors Backed Fascism In Greece

ATHENS.—Exclusive reports confirm the fact that the Greek Fascists finally swung the country into the Fascist orbit through King George's maneuvers with London—not so much through Hitler's influence among the Greek Fascists.

Premier Metaxas, the Greek Hitler, had the backing of a group of Fascist generals, anxious to push the armament business with Hitler.

London Creditors Prompted

With the aid of the King, who acted on promptings from London creditors who paid for his restoration on the Greek throne, and encouraged by the faint-heartedness of parliament, Metaxas was able to achieve his long-mooted plans.

Since August 4th, when Metaxas carried through his well-laid plans to install Fascism in Greece, the dictatorship has been moving along with ruthless speed.

Hitler Policy

Metaxas is following a four-fold policy:

First, he has arrested a number of leading anti-Fascists; second, he is bludgeoning the press into line or out of existence; third, he is trying to fascize the trade unions; and fourth, he is striving to organize a mass base among the Greek youth for his Fascist regime.

Many leading Communists, Socialists and trade unionists have already been thrown into prison.

C. P. Paper Still Appears

The Communist Party daily, Rizospastis, was prohibited, but appeared illegally two days after the putsch.

Declaring his "love" for the working class, Metaxas first decreed that the trade unions be nationalized and their officers appointed by the state.

Then a minimum wage decree was passed, fixing wages at a level low enough to satisfy any exploiter. A compulsory arbitration decree was enforced to prevent strikes, and the right to strike was abrogated.

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War Propaganda Lies Branded

YOSEMITE.—The "statement" carried by the capitalist press that Joseph Stalin had broadcast a "war is at hand" warning to the Soviet Union's Red Army, was branded as false and ridiculous on its face, by V. E. Motylev, U.S.S.R. delegate to the Institute of Pacific Relations, which closed its sessions here last Saturday.

"The dispatch was sent out for the purpose of creating a psychological condition in which war was considered inevitable," said Motylev. "This is war propaganda."

Following close of the Institute's meetings, it was generally conceded that the Soviet Union carried off all the honors, thoroughly exposing the war plans of Japan in the Pacific and calling for the strengthening of the forces for peace.

Why A Big U.S. Navy

The United States imperialist interests in the Pacific were badly revealed by an American delegate, who stated that the U.S. Navy is maintained in the Pacific solely as a threat against Japanese expansion in the orient.

Great Britain delegates stated that in their belief, if a naval race opens at expiration of the 5-5-3 treaty, the British Navy will be strengthened to maintain the ratio or even better it against Japan. One delegate predicted that it might become a 2-1 ratio between British and Japanese naval power.

Japanese delegates tried to cover up their imperialistic and war plans, but were completely routed by delegates from China and the U.S.S.R.

USSR Cotton Crop Sabotaged By Trotskyists

MOSCOW.—Counter-revolutionary elements linked to the Trotsky-Zinoviev-Kamenev terrorists sabotaged the Soviet Union's efforts to become independent of cotton import, it was charged by the Commissariat for Agriculture here.

The Soviet Union last year purchased \$9,000,000 worth of cotton imports from America.

Chiefly responsible was the late T. Reingold, executive terrorist, who, when chief of the Cotton Administration, appointed executives who devoted themselves to disorganizing cotton cultivation and harvesting, said the Commissariat.

Result was that last year's good crop was cut down by a quarter of a million bales by being picked while green and being stored in the open, causing much of it to rot.

Some of the worst sabotage occurred in Middle Asia, where irrigation is being introduced on a large scale.

New canals across desert regions were so constructed that they soon broke down, and canals in other regions were deliberately misused, causing the flooding of large areas with salt water, ruining the land and forming malarial swamps.

Since dismissal of Reingold and his assistant saboteur, the situation has rapidly improved. Damaged land has been reclaimed and larger production is being obtained.

STAKHANOVISTS BEAT FORD'S RECORDS

GENEVA.—Soviet workers have beaten some Ford records, thanks to the Stakhanov movement, says Boris Markus, chief of the labor and employment section of the State Planning Commission, Soviet Union, in the current International Labor Review.

Time to make a valve average 2.7 minutes in the Molotov works, against 3.4 minutes in the Ford works, says Markus, and the time for a piston 2.8 minutes instead of 5. Soviet workers have stepped up production to where without changes in equipment they can turn out 100,000 more cars yearly.

"The Stakhanovists," wrote Markus, "obtain their results solely by means of perfect mastery of technique, rational organization of the work-place and more judicious distribution of the work. Thus each worker finds his work more satisfying and raises his earnings."

HUNGER STRIKE

EICHENAU, Germany.—Three hundred coal miners went on a hunger strike inside the mines in Polish Upper Silesia, demanding unpaid wages, the newspaper Tageblatt reports.

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1400 SUPPORT SPAIN PEOPLE

**Farmer-Labor Party
Is Needed, Says
Communist**

LOS ANGELES.—More than 1400 persons responded to the call for contributions to send hospital supplies to the Spanish loyalists at a meeting of the American League Against War and Fascism at the Epic Auditorium, on Friday, August 28th. More than \$400 was collected.

Dr. Fabian Garcia, former attaché of the Cuban Embassy, charged with the instigators of the Fascist "putsch" in Spain were of the same type as the Wall Street interests that are engaged in strangling the people of Cuba.

U. S. Fascists

Among the supporters of world-wide Fascism, he said, were the Standard Oil Company, House of Morgan, Electric Bond and Share, and the National City Bank of New York.

The American League Against War and Fascism, pointed out by League spokesmen, takes a contrary stand to the statement of General Smedley Butler that aid to the Spanish government "might lead to war."

It was declared that money being collected would be spent for relief, medication, clothes, and care of the sick and wounded.

"Get Together!"

Bill Busick, of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, in appealing for funds for the Spanish loyalists, said that the sooner "we get together in this fight for peace the sooner victory will be realized."

Cutler, Communist candidate for Congress in the 13th district, said that the defeat of Fascism in Spain will help to defeat Fascism on a world scale.

"The victory of Fascism in Spain will be a threat to world peace," she said.

Farmer-Labor Party in U. S.

"That is why we must rally all progressive, liberal people in building our own united front movement against Fascism and war; that is why the Communist Party issues a warning to the people of the United States that now is the time to build a Farmer-Labor party; and that will be the only barrier to Fascism in this country."

Among other speakers were J. W. Gillette, international studio representative of the American Federation of Musicians; Anthony Ramuglio, Socialist Party; Caroline M. Stafford, United Mothers World Peace Movement; Dr. Stewart, of the Beverly Hills Community Church; and Judge Edward B. Totten, chairman.

Arabs Fight British Oppression

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MEXICO ARMS GO TO SPAIN

**Cardenas Says Sale
Internationally
Justified**

MEXICO CITY.—The Mexican government has sold arms to the Spanish government for use against the Fascists and feels justified in so doing, said President Lazaro Cardenas last Tuesday in his speech reopening Congress.

"The government of Spain, through Ambassador Arday, asked our government to sell it war materials," said Cardenas.

"The request was granted immediately with the placing of 20,000 seven-millimeter rifles and 20 million cartridges of Mexican manufacture at its disposition at Vera Cruz.

"This act has international justification. The War Department has been authorized to sell Colombia 5000 nationally manufactured rifles."

Reaffirmation of Mexico's faith in the League of Nations, and defense of the law of nationalization of property, were also included in the President's speech.

Regarding labor, Cardenas said: "The government's attitude has been to respect the right to strike."

"Independence" Is Given Egypt By Great Britain

LONDON.—With the signing of a new treaty in the Locarno room of the Foreign Office, Egypt became "independent" last week, opening what Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden called "a new chapter" in the history of Anglo-Egyptian relations.

The "new chapter" allows Great Britain to keep the economic substance of power in Egypt, but removes political control on the surface.

Hereafter British troops are to be confined to a narrow strip along the Suez Canal and be withdrawn from the Citadel in Cairo and from other points in the interior of the country.

British imperialism has not lost a thing by granting "independence" to Egypt, it was conceded by all political observers in Europe.

Sentence Anti-Nazi To Workhouse

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FASCISM WAS HARBORED BY CATH. CHURCH

**Victory For Spanish
Fascists, Prayed
For By Pope**

MADRID.—Reports from Rome that Pope Pius XI is "so distressingly weakened from worry over Spanish bloodshed," was received skeptically here by the workers and peasants of Spain who are fighting against the Catholic Church-supported Fascist "putsch."

The Pope has "prayed" for a Fascist victory in Spain. Even before the Fascists launched their attempt to overthrow the Spanish republic, the Catholic Church in Spain was harboring Fascist gunmen and terrorists who shot down Popular Front leaders and supporters in cold blood.

Churches Stored Weapons

When the workers and peasants burned churches in Spain before the "putsch" attempt, they were motivated by the fact that the churches in Spain are organizational centers of the Fascists and serve as stores for their weapons.

In the overwhelming majority of cases, hidden stores of arms were discovered after the churches had been set afire.

It is from these stores that the people who took action against the workers' demonstrations and who are now attempting to overthrow the republic, receive arms.

Sanctuaries for Murderers

It was in the churches that the Fascists who murdered workers received sanctuary.

There were numerous cases, however, when it was not the people who directly set fire to the churches, but the Fascists which provoked the fire so as to give rise to discontent among the believers.

The reactionaries have attempted to set the Catholic section of the population, among whom there are many peasants, against the other section of the population which is free of religious sentiments.

Communist Stand

Immediately after the People's Front election victory last February, the Communist Party of Spain undertook the task of explaining to the masses that the burning of churches and monasteries only plays into the hands of counter-revolution, and called for the unity of all oppressed, Catholic and non-Catholic, workers and peasants.

Today tens of thousands of Catholic workers and peasants are fighting against the Fascists, side by side with non-Catholic workers and peasants.

\$3500 Donated By Fla. Workers To Spanish People

TAMPA, Fla.—The Ku Klux Klan-infested state of Florida has also its tens of thousands of workers, as was seen here last week when the Tampa Committee for the Defense of the Spanish People's Front sent an order for \$3500 humming over the cables.

The money was collected through trade unions and other organizations in the United Front Committee, which includes both Socialist and Communist Parties. The Loyal Knights of America have appealed to the entire Spanish colony here to support the work.

On Friday and Saturday of last week—pay days in the cigar factories here—the cigar workers contributed more than \$1000.

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Riff Arabs Warned Against Aiding Spain Fascists

ORAN, Algiers.—The Executive Committee of the Moslem Congress, central Arab organization in North Africa, addressed an appeal to Riff Arabs last week not to enroll in the Fascist army that is fighting in Spain.

The call followed arrest of six Franco agents, caught with false passports, made out by Franco's headquarters.

The agents were arrested near the border of French Morocco and were attempting to recruit unemployed Arabs for service against the Spanish government.

No Aid to Fascists

Addressed to Spanish Moroccan inhabitants to cease their aid to Franco, the text of the appeal follows:

"The Arab has never been a mercenary. All his wars were Arab wars. All his insurrections were national actions. Must your brothers of the East watch the sad spectacle of your warriors spilling their blood for the triumph and the glory of their oppressors, of those who proclaim that the destruction of Arabs by their actions is their principle title to recognition in Spain?"

No Intervention

"Riff brothers, those who lead you into their melange of blood and violence are the soldiers of a religious war. In this war neutrality is the least of your duties. The Moslem Arab must avoid intervening in a struggle which is filling with blood a country which is not his own. In this war, which is essentially not our war, there is no need for the Arab dagger to spill a single drop of blood

'GOOD WAGES' LIE BARED IN WATSONVILLE

Papers Print Lies As Field Workers Suffer

WATSONVILLE — The past few weeks have witnessed a series of articles in local newspapers warning the fruit and vegetable workers to sign the agreement drawn up by the Growers-Shippers Association. The articles hint that the workers in this industry are in danger of losing their high pay and soft incomes if they insist on a new wage agreement.

Capitalist-Caused Misery

Down in the small town of Watsonville, the nature of the capitalist system is exposed in all its nakedness. Here is the living, breathing and dying contradiction to the lies in the local newspapers about the high standard of living enjoyed by fruit and vegetable workers.

An auto camp located here shows the starvation, misery and brutality that is the workers' lot in one of the world's richest valleys.

Here is where millions of dollars are made yearly. Walking through the auto camp reveals the drawn white faces of the entire population. Faces and bodies that have not had hot water and soap for many a day. Pregnant women tired and slapping at children for making noise. Their eyes seem to hold a look of terror.

In a tent nearby an aged woman lies gasping out her life. On asking why she is not put in a hospital, the workers reply, it's no use, it would not help. Yet some say, well, at least she can die in peace. Her old body has given its last drop of sweat to the capitalist system; for the likes of her, there is no help.

The pregnant woman will be allowed to go to the hospital maybe to bring another worker into the world, but when she can no longer reproduce workers, and lies as the aged woman, her fate will be the same.

Maybe the terror in their eyes is the result of seeing how they will end their lives, dying in a tent with howling children about.

Women can be seen trying to wash their legs, arms, necks, with a rag, occasionally dipping it in a pan of water. Little children are there with their small, frail bodies showing the cruel marks of starvation.

Still Not Beaten But hope still exists for the future in spite of all the misery and starvation. These workers, starved and terrorized year in and year out, still are able to stand up. None of them ever heard of Marx or Lenin yet, but they continue to hope for something better.

The whole camp seems to be waiting for action. Talk gets around to "reds," but if anyone is for or against, fails to come out in the discussion. This strange characteristic of the workers throughout the world, holds good here—the worker can take it on the chin, and it's impossible to make him crawl.

Think how these workers will fight to do away with this rotten brutal system once they are shown the way out.

Bankers Scream Surely the local press is aware of the conditions existing in Watsonville when they write up in the papers of the "high wages" and conditions of the workers. The large landowners and bankers are screaming about the harm to the public in case of a strike, yet who are these workers if not the public?

Today in California, the entire working class in agriculture is awake and ready to march, but not yet quite organized. Yet a spark can inflame the entire state. It all depends on how the workers in the Fruit and Vegetable Unions make out in their new agreement.

Worker Tells Cafe Owner To Study C.S. Pamphlet

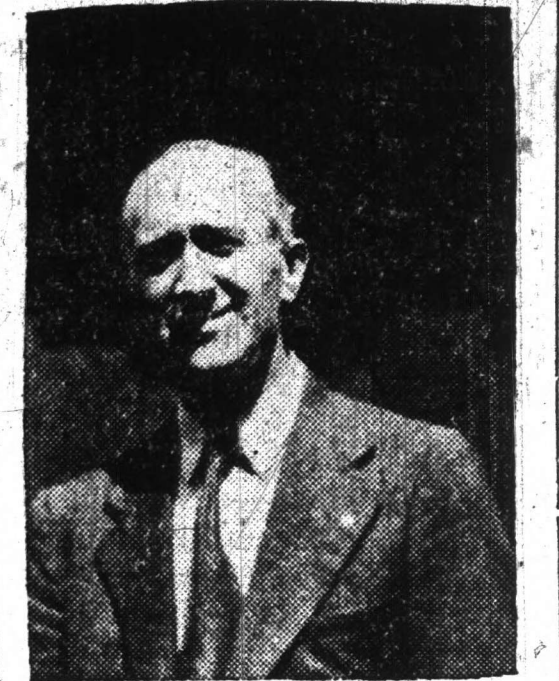
By a Worker Correspondent SANTA BARBARA—A worker here had a funny experience while getting signatures to the petitions for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

A man came up to the table and sure asked a lot of questions. He turned out to be the owner of the "Elmer" Restaurant, and he resented the pickets fronting his face, etc.

In the end the worker sold him the pamphlet on the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism Cases for five cents, and told the restaurant owner to study it.

KLUKERS RIDE IN COLO. DENVER—The Ku Klux Klan night riders are terrorizing the countryside in this state. This follows a state convention of the Klan held in Pueblo.

WRITES ON STEEL



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, who led the 1919 steel strike, analyzes the drive to organize steel in "Organizing the Steel Workers."

Plot To Expel C.P. Member Spiked By Unionists

By a Worker Correspondent

SALINAS—The following is a real happening in a small California town. A large group of field workers were organized and having no real leadership, suddenly became restless.

Finally several agents of the bosses, who no longer could hold the workers back, called a hasty executive board meeting.

Plot to Expel Communist During the meeting a stool-pigeon reported one member of the union was a registered Communist. After lengthy discussion, the bosses' agents voted to ring charges before the membership and have him expelled.

happening to be one of the best liked workers in the entire union. But the workers were in a bad fix.

Didn't Hear Hearst Lies Most of them knew of Communism through the Hearst press and labor fakers, yet this work was to be expelled certainly did fit the picture of what they had been told a Communist was.

Still there was his name on the registrar's books and after his name in bold letters the word "Communist."

The word sped like wildfire through the quiet valley. Puzzled workers with no political leadership thinking how to defend a lone Communist when the mention of the word drove the large landowners and bankers to foam at the mouth.

Besides, the reactionaries in the union would also make it tough for anyone defending a Communist. Still the workers continued to discuss and plan some way to help their fellow worker.

Finally, a few hours before the meeting started, women and children poured into the hall. No talking, no laughing—everyone was stern and serious.

Justice-Sought The reactionary leaders began to tremble when one noticed a worker with a sawed-off billiard cue stuck under his coat. Many could be seen with sawed-off baseball bats, wrapped in their coats and sweaters. Yes, the workers intended to see justice done.

The Communist sat up front waiting to go on trial, unaware of this help from the workers. The phoney began to look wild-eyed—this was something they never bargained for. The chairman opened the meeting. After a short while a militant rank-and-filer, with a group of 10 workers standing close to him, hit the floor and immediately launched an attack on the reactionaries.

Fakers Expose Themselves Thus the whole meeting continued, the rank-and-file taking the offensive on all issues. The fakers fought to cover up their corrupt leadership and exposed themselves to the entire membership.

The meeting was finally over, and the Communist had not been called up for a trial. The workers went out slowly, whispering: "We must have got a bum steer."

Still In Union Men and women could be seen with cues, bats and sticks of all sizes. Of course this might have had something to do with the fakers not taking action against the Communist.

To this day the Communist worker is a member in good standing. It's damn hard here for workers to get the real truth about Communism or the Communist Party, but they will fight to protect one of its members, especially when he is militant and helps the workers in their fight for immediate demands.

FARMERS AID UNION ESCANABA, Mich.—Members of the Farmers Union are contributing food to help strikers at the Stephenson Lumber Co. mill near Wells, Mich.

'INDEPENDENCE' NO BREAK FOR THE FILIPINOS

People Barely Exist In Terror-Ridden Philippines

By a Sailor

SAN FRANCISCO — The "independence" of the Philippine Islands and the setting up of a so-called "defense army" here with United States Army officers in charge, are no breaks for the Filipino people.

I was on the beach in the Philippines for six months until recently.

They've got 150,000 in the army at 5 centavos a day pay, or 2 1/2 cents in American money, and feed them lousy.

Many of them are just kids of 18 and 20 years, and a lot of them have a wife and kids. The families are given rice and dried fish to exist on while the husbands are in the army.

Wages At Rock-Bottom Wages in the Philippines are bad even for the Americans over there, who work long hours for \$2 a day and have to board themselves.

But for the Filipino workers, they're a hell of a lot worse. Filipino sailors, if they're A. B.'s, get 12 pesos, or \$6 American, a month, and longshoremen get paid 98 centavos, or 49 American, for working as long as the boss wants them to.

There's as much graft there as in the San Francisco police department, and maybe more. The American advisors to President Quezon are getting their noses in the feed-bag.

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ALASKA CANNERS WIN BETTER FOOD ON S.S. GLACIER; DISCUSS SOCIALISM

By An Alaska Canner

(Another installment in the interesting and exciting history of the organization of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union after 85 years of unbelievably brutal exploitation and oppression.)

ABOARD THE S. S. GLACIER, ALASKA BOUND—In order to get the thought of the unseaworthiness of the ship out of my mind, I began to count the dipping of the ship and discovered that on nearly every seventh pitch of the boat, the wave would break clean over the forward deck. I finally fell into a fitful sleep.

Waking two or three times, each time under the impression something happened. Morning finally got around, and I was only too thankful to get out of the damp bed.

Believe It Or Not—Milk I arose, dressed and had breakfast—mush, coffee and bread. The mush had a film of chalky white liquid over it. Finally somebody arrived at the amazing conclusion it must be milk. And milk it was, or rather about four parts water and one part milk.

We ate standing. It was impossible to sit down on account of the rough sea. The cook put his mush pots on the floor in the mess hall, and the food was served cafeteria style. The absentee waiters were sick abed.

And so on to the third day at sea. At breakfast we found toast smeared with something greasy, mush, prunes and coffee. The greasy smear we were told was butter. We got that because when Sorio and three others of us were trying to straighten up the store room, we found that there was butter and canned and dried fruit aboard. Constantly demanding fruit and butter, did the trick.

Men Support Fight It was an opening and from then on we were able to win a certain amount of support from the men. The bosses always countered when the question of food was broached, that the supplies were hard to get at, or that it was orders from the company.

More arguments in the focus and no matter how it started or who started it, the class or political character of the argument was brought out. It got to the point where, if the subject was women, we pointed out the advantages of women in a socialist society.

For our army friend, we pointed out the difference in being a sailor in an imperialist army and in a socialist army of defense, etc. The New Deal, the Old Deal, political fakers like Coughlin, Huey Long, Merriam, etc., were all stripped of their false faces (to the best of our ability) for all to see.

Red Foes' Head About this time, most of the men were up and about. Strange faces began to make an appearance into our quarters. The news about the arguments got around and the focus' head became more or less notorious as a so-called red stronghold. Of course, some came just to be able to relay the news to the bosses. Others came because they were getting interested in the arguments.

By constant hammering away, the men in our quarters finally were won over on the question of food.

Delegates Divided Three of the delegates stayed to themselves. Getting up late mornings, they would go into the kitchen and cook special stuff they had brought aboard, and the result of it was that they could not get hot over the question of food. They were eating and sleeping like privileged men. The bosses never ate with the men aboard the boat.

The other two delegates were handicapped with the dead weight of the other three. It's like climbing up a Jacob's ladder with a heavy trunk on your shoulders—day after day the same arguments, the same food, and the same alibis.

(To be continued.)

INSPIRED BY BROWDER

Dear Editor In spite of the rain scare we had here the night before, a score of us went down to the Atlantic Bowl in Los Angeles, and words fail to record the inspiration we received from the various speeches, rallies, and songs. Those in charge of the program must have gauged the capacity of the audience well to have "kept the best to the last."

Not even the necessary megaphones could obscure the fine velvety pressure of the tones in Browder's voice.

The "Communist Election Platform, 1936" is a masterpiece, and I feel sure that night's experience will roll up a fine total of votes in November, or better still will give the keynote to education in progressivism.

Comradely yours, M. R. R. Santa Barbara.

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Remember—just because you never wrote a story for a newspaper before, is no sign you can't win a prize!

Who will be the first winner?

Townsend-Backed Republican Is Nominated

By a Worker Correspondent SANTA ROSA—Results of the primary elections in the 1st Congressional District are as follows:

Van Matre, Townsend backed candidate, defeated Congressman Lea to win the nomination. Lea won the Democratic nomination as there was no opposition except write-ins for Van Matre.

Vigilante Aide In the 3rd Supervisorial District of Sonoma County, Jamison was high in a field of nine. Jamison is one of those "prominent citizens" who supplied bail for the arrested vigilantes. He will run against Cunningham, another reactionary who was runner-up, in November.

It thus turns out that in the November election for Congress, Vernon D. Healy, Communist, Van Matre and Lea will be on the ballot. We now have two reactionaries to expose.

U.S.E.D. MAN DOES EXPERT BUCK-PASSING

Compensation Sought For Worker Hurt On The Job

By a Worker Correspondent LOS ANGELES—Several days ago a grievance committee from Local 5 of the Workers Alliance was treated to an exhibition of administrative buck-passing and evasions that would have done justice to a crooked gambler.

Taking their case before Mr. Mc Brien, supervisor of the so-called Safety Bureau of the United States Engineering Department, the committee learned that while various departments of this bureau were supposedly functioning for definite purposes, none of them had anything to do with the safety of the men working on the U.S.E.D. projects.

Rapid Buck-Passing The case in question was that of a worker claiming medical attention and compensation for injuries suffered on the job.

In the course of the interview the committee sought to establish responsibility for taking care of—or rather neglecting—the workers' injury and his compensation claim, but every attempt to do so was met with another under the table deal, executed by Mr. Mc Brien.

Dodging the committee's questions, Mc Brien kept switching the responsibility as fast as each member of the committee caught up with him.

"Public Service" Man At the start, Mc Brien pinned responsibility on the project safety office.

When asked why he, as supervisor in charge of the project offices, did not take action and investigate the laxity and negligence of his subordinates, Mc Brien replied, "Oh, I'm only here to see that compensation claims and injury reports are forwarded to Washington."

"Do you mean then that this entire bureau of which you are in charge is nothing more than a relay station," asked the spokesman.

"Oh, I wouldn't put it that way," replied Mc Brien. "However, I might suggest that you take up the matter with Washington—although, personally, I don't think that would do you much good."

Others are saying the same thing. Work on, trust on. M.P. and J.T.

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VOICES OF LABOR

This column is devoted to opinions of our readers. Please restrict letters for this column to 150 words in order that they may be published.—Editor.

WHY LIES ABOUT SPAIN . . . Los Angeles.

Dear Editor: Please call attention to the public why the capitalist papers keep printing about the defeats of the Spanish United Front and the government. It's because it has a psychological effect on the working class. In other words, it teaches—or tries to—the workers they can't conquer, not to try it, breaking their spirit.

Yours truly, A.G.

ANSWER: The capitalists are afraid of the lessons of Spain and would like to convince American workers that resistance to oppression and Fascism are impossible. But the heroic resistance, which is increasingly successful, of the Spanish people against the Fascists, and the victories, of the Popular Front in France are more than convincing, they're positive proof that the workers CAN successfully resist reaction.—Editor.

NOT TOO LATE . . . Vaughn, Wash.

Dear Editor: I sent the following to Station KJR, Seattle.

I am a little late, but better late than never, isn't it? Well, anyway I want to commend you for having Earl Browder speak over the radio station. It was a marvelous speech!

After hearing so much rotten stuff over the networks, it was a treat. Thanking you again, Sincerely, M.T.

BROWDER'S VOICE . . .

Dear Editor: I listened in the other night over KMTR and heard a wonderful voice. It stirred me as never experience before, coming from one unknown to me, only by propaganda, the type of propaganda put out by minds poisoned from the very source with hatred, greed, and by workers of the golden calf.

I've listened to voices I've known, voices I've learned to love, but no strange voice coming for the first time ever thrilled like the voice of Mr. Browder.

Others are saying the same thing. Work on, trust on. M.P. and J.T.

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You are cordially invited to the Inauguration of our Weekly Social Dance, Saturday, Nite September 5, 1936. Good music and entertainment. Admission 25 cents. Ladies free.

We are glad to announce also to our friends that we will welcome them every Saturday night from September 12th to our regular Social Dance—75 cents a month.

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

PRETTY SOON you're going to vote.

You're going to walk right up to the ballot box and dump in your ballot.

That's swell!

That's great stuff!

That means you're a free, independent American and run your own government.

Or does it?

In any case, that's why the Minute Men fought on Lexington Square.

That's why they charged up Bunker Hill.

That's why Washington crossed the Delaware.

That's why Sherman marched to the sea.

That's why you've got to vote.

Men fought and bled and died so you could cast that ballot.

It isn't a thing to fling in the box carelessly.

No, indeed.

A lot depends on that vote.

You'd hate like hell to wake up the next morning and discover you'd voted yourself a pay cut.

The ballot box is dynamite.

You can vote yourself out of a job and into a breadline.

Or you can vote yourself out of a breadline and into a job.

It's all in knowing how to vote.

It's like a couple of guys looking at a whole row of bells in apartment house.

They've got a friend lives in one of those apartments.

But they don't know in which one.

So one of the guys says, "What the hell! Let's ring this one and see what happens."

That's all right for a couple of guys in front of an apartment house.

They can keep on ringing 'till they hit the right one.

You've just got one ring, and God help you if you get the wrong one.

The issues are too important this year to play blind man's bluff with your ballot.

The issues are too important this year to say "eenie, meenie, minie, mo" over a lot of bellowing candidates.

You've got to study the candidates and their platforms and vote for what you need and want.

You're going to get exactly what you vote for, so you'd better study the matter closely.

If you vote for Hearst's candidate Landon, the unemployed are going to get it in the neck.

That's your neck.

When the unemployed get it in the neck, the whole working class gets it in the neck.

That's a thing to remember about the working class.

It only has one neck.

Lemke and his supporters are frank admirers of Hitler and Mussolini.

Mussolini yelled, "Hurrah for Socialism!" and then threw all the Socialists in jail and handed out wage-cuts.

Hitler did the same thing.

How about Roosevelt?

How about the past few years?

Two steps to the right. One step to the left.

You've got to admit he took steps to the left.

But what direction is he moving in?

Wage-cuts are to the right.

Lots of complicated language in all those platforms. But you aren't voting for language.

You want to know how you can vote for decent wages and security.

Read the Communist Party platform.

Here are the needs and interests of the working class put down in black and white, as well as the practical means of how they can be attained.

Here is something unheard of before in Party platforms; a plain statement that all men and women are entitled to work, wages and security and that these rights should be guaranteed by the government.

Today you can vote frankly and openly for these principles.

Wise American workers know that if they don't vote for them now, they may lose the chance later on.

They lost the chance in Italy.

They lost the chance in Germany.

You can't win better conditions by merely voting for them and then sitting back and waiting for them. You've got to back up your vote by organization.

BUT YOU'VE GOT TO VOTE FOR THEM FIRST!

You are going to get exactly what you vote for.

You may not get a Communist President by voting Communist.

But a tremendous vote in this direction will go further toward preserving democratic rights and laying the foundation for a United Front Farmer-Labor Party in America than any other immediate step you could take.

Riptides

By LE MAE

Captain Kullin was angry. He eased his thick paunch into his uniform jacket. Captain Kullin was more than angry. He was very much upset. His indignity for the third time in as many days had been mortally punctured.

Reaching for his gold-braid cap, Captain Kullin eyed the full length picture of Mussolini, which occupied the most conspicuous spot in the luxuriously appointed cabin.

Mussolini Frowns

Mussolini frowned from beneath his bald pate.

"Communist bastards," Captain Kullin swore apologetically to the frowning picture. "I'll deal with them when we get out of this port," he promised as Mussolini continued to frown coldly.

"Coming into my cabin to complain about the food—And right in front of those passengers—" Captain Kullin worked himself up into a higher stage as he enacted the latest assault upon his dignity.

He was pouring drinks for the group of passengers who had gathered in the cabin to say good-bye to his newly-married daughter.

She was remaining behind with her newly-acquired husband—"One of Mussolini's right-hand men," Captain Kullin bragged pompously to anybody who would listen.

The Fascist Count—"oh yes, he was a full-fledged count"—had asked Captain Kullin if it was really true that American seamen were hard to discipline.

The Captain had pointed to his four stripe uniform lying on the bunk and answered with a great air of dignity and command: "I am the Master of this vessel and my crew knows it."

That Troublesome A.B.

And then—in had barged three members of the crew. One of them holding a plate of meat in his hand. It was that damned A.B. again. Been nothing but trouble ever since he had boarded the ship in New York.

The A.B. was dressed in a pair of lead dungarees and singlet. The other two were hardly dressed any cleaner. Both of them looked as though they had just come out of the heat-wracked ire-room.

"Say, Captain, this grub ain't getting any better. How do you expect a man to do any work with swill like this being palmed off for grub?" without the least shred of respect to Captain Kullin, the A.B. had thrust the plate under his nose. It did stink. Kullin reflected. He quickly forgot this point as he recalled the titter from one of the passengers when the A.B. had asked, pointedly.

"Did you get that gut on you by eating this kind of rot?" Captain Kullin almost writhed as he recalled the parting shot of the sailor. Embarrassed to find his vaunted "discipline" challenged—and right in the presence of Count Farolita—Captain Kullin had thundered to the three seamen, "Go below to your quarters and put some decent clothes on."

"Aw nuts," had been the outrageously disrespectful retort from the departing seamen.

Then there were a couple of more titters from within the cabin.

The Captain Foams

The deep-chested tone of the ship's whistle jerked Captain Kullin out of his unhappy thoughts. With a last look at the portrait of Mussolini, he clamped the gold-weighted cap on his shiny head and mounted the bridge.

"Well—what's the delay? What are we waiting for?" Captain Kullin asked the Chief Officer, impatiently.

"One of the A.B.'s just went ashore."

Captain Kullin almost foamed as he interrupted, "An A.B. went ashore—what's that got to do with our sailing? Order that gangway in at once." He literally shouted into the mate's face.

"But you didn't let me explain, Captain. I was going to pull the gangway in when seven members of the crew came rushing down and said they weren't going to sail until the other fellow returned." The harassed mate looked around in humiliation as the junior officer and quartermaster stood nonchalantly at their respective sailing-time posts on the bridge, taking in the scene calmly.

"Well—where the hell did that man go?" Captain Kullin was perilously near an attack of apoplexy.

The mate's answer didn't calm him down any. "He said he was going ashore to get something to eat."

From the dock came the Port agent's voice, "What are you waiting for, Captain Kullin?"

Captain Kullin thrust the megaphone to his face and shouted down in furious exasperation: "We just got orders from Moscow. We can't sail yet. One of our comrades is ashore in Italy getting something to eat—and we can't leave him here."

The passengers lined along the

THE SOVIET WORKERS AID THEIR SPANISH BROTHERS



"WE ARE WITH YOU, heroic workers of Spain," reads this banner carried in a mass meeting of 120,000 workers in the Red Square, Moscow. Soviet workers joined workers everywhere in helping the Spanish people in their defense of democracy. Soviet trade union members donated over \$2,000,000 to the Spanish people's fight against Fascism.

The Great Awakening of Labor In Los Angeles

Greatest Show of Organized Labor Might This Year In Many California Cities

By M.

BY a vote of 57 to 41 on August 21, the Central Labor Council of Los Angeles took its place besides the increasingly large numbers of great Central Labor Unions throughout the nation in opposing the action of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor in suspending the C.I.O. unions.

Motion To File Is Licked

The action was taken after prolonged and heated debate upon a motion to file a resolution sent to the Council by the Optical Technicians Union calling for expression by the Central Labor Council against the suspension and for the petitioning of the National Executive Council to defer the entire matter for democratic discussion and settlement before the coming convention of the A.F.L.

The motion to file was defeated and a motion to concur in the resolution carried by the above vote.

The discussion for the resolution was led primarily by delegates from locals affiliated with Craft Internationals, such as the Musicians, Electricians, Upholsterers, Painters, etc.

Crafts Lead Fight

They spoke in the interests of unity of the American labor movement and their speeches rang with the sincerity of their appeal. Most of them did not take sides with either the C.I.O. unions or the council and when they did so it was only to condemn and protest against the undemocratic and unconstitutional action of the executive council.

Members of C.I.O. unions such as the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers spoke, also pointing out the disastrous effects the suspension order would have upon the entire labor movement.

Brother Buzzell, secretary of the council, arose during the discussion to explain his motion to file the resolution. He used a number of arguments which won the doubtful compliment from Brother Gillette of the Musicians that Buzzell was the most capable man he had ever heard in defending downright reaction on the part of the labor bureaucracy.

Buzzell's Argument

Buzzell stated that it was no avail that the Council was arguing over such a resolution, the action was already taken by the national executive council.

He argued that the question was not a matter of Industrial Unionism versus Craft Unionism, that it was merely a matter of discipline within the labor movement and that John L. Lewis and his union were refusing to abide by majority rule within the A.F.L., and finally that in

promenade deck railing listened in puzzled amazement to Captain Kullin's outburst.

On the dock the Fascist police stood silently, waiting for orders. The seven seamen were not in sight. Neither was the eighth—the hungry one.

Finally from around a corner appeared the eighth seaman. A toothpick rolled nonchalantly in his teeth and he strode at an easy and sort of contented gait towards the waiting liner. Behind him straggled the others.

Up the gangway they strolled, looking neither right nor left, up or down. As the rear of the last seaman disappeared into the ship's side, Captain Kullin placed the megaphone to his fat and now thoroughly red face and bellowed:

"Okay—Haul up the gangway. Run up the Red Flag and let go the lines. Our number one Communist is aboard."

the light of the great problems before the Los Angeles labor movement and its need to prepare for big struggles against the Merchants and Manufacturers Association that it was a waste of time to discuss such "foreign matters."

But his speech was to little avail. Delegate after delegate arose after him to point out the fallacies of his argument. The Constitution of the A.F.L. gave no such right to the Council as to demand of International Unions that they appear before it upon pain of suspension, nor did it give the Council any right to suspend unions, that right was reserved for the highest authority of the A.F.L., its annual convention.

And if it were a matter of minority rule, why then was the council afraid to permit the entire matter to come up before the convention and to give the great C.I.O. unions the right to voice and vote there in democratic and majority fashion.

Undemocratic Procedure

It was not at all democratic of the 13 men in the National Council to take such a serious matter as the suspension of one-third of the entire membership into their own hands.

Delegates arose to maintain that if majority opinion were really to be secured by referendum of the A.F.L. membership, it would be found that the vast majority were with the C.I.O.

But the need for unity was the main theme, a delegate from Electricians arising to give his terrible experience with dual unionism in the days of the split among the electricians before the war, declared that the issue of the C.I.O. suspension was an issue before all of labor throughout the country and that it was precisely because of the need for fighting the M. and M. right at home in Los Angeles that labor needed all of its strength, and could brook no division, within its ranks.

Want A.F.L. Unity

The 57 delegates that voted for the resolution voted for it not merely because they were against suspension of the C.I.O. internationals on a national scale, but more especially because they wanted unity of all labor in Los Angeles. As one of the delegates expressed it: "If we do not pass such a resolution and stand by the unity of the labor movement against any attempt to disrupt it, it may well be that before our Labor Day parade, a number of the most powerful and progressive unions within our city may be barred from the line of march."

And when Buzzell announced that at the next meeting of the Council the following Friday he would make a motion to rescind the action taken, the delegates were determined to rally every force to prevent such a thing and to keep the Los Angeles Labor Council on record for unity of the working people.

Their conviction of the need for such unity was deepened by the excellent report by Buzzell which concluded the meeting, a report emphasizing the increasingly sinister activities of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association and appealing to all the local unions both morally and financially to rally around the Central Labor Council.

The Fight Against Open Shopism

Every local union, every union man and woman must feel the need for strengthening the ranks of labor in Los Angeles today. The M. and M., alarmed by the increasing size of the labor movement has reorganized itself and has grided its loins for a life and death fight to maintain the "open shop" in Los An-

geles. There will be no half way in this struggle. Either Los Angeles will be a 100 per cent union town or its unions will be smashed and its workers reduced to even worse peonage than ever before.

Backed by Chandler's Times and all of the biggest financiers and industrialists of Southern California, the M. and M. is organizing departments in every field of industry and enterprise.

is subsidizing manufacturers to break agreements with unions and attempting to prevent in every possible way the further unionization of the city.

The proposals of Buzzell to improve and increase the circulation of the "Citizen" to reach every union man, to secure a radio station, to employ more organizers should be supported by everyone.

At the same time the union men and women of Los Angeles must realize that the slogan raised by Buzzell and certain other labor leaders to withhold such "controversial issues" as the C.I.O. from the Central Labor Council at the present time is wrong.

C.I.O. Vital Issue

The decision on the C.I.O. reaches into every nook and cranny of the labor movement in America. To sit idly by and watch the National Executive Council disbar the most militant unions in Los Angeles, unions like the I.L.G.W.U., Rubber Unions, Oil, Amalgamated, etc., would be suicidal for Los Angeles labor. This is no way to fight the M. and M. or strengthen the Central Labor Council.

Even if the action of the National Council is carried through on September 5, the Los Angeles Central Labor Council must not oust the unions affected, but fight every inch of the way to keep them in and line up with such great Central Labor Councils as those of San Francisco and Chicago to force the National Council to rescind its action.

The C.I.O. is a Los Angeles matter too. And when the delegates defeated the Buzzell attempt to make an amendment to the resolution to the effect that the Council would call upon the C.I.O. to also suspend its activities pending the convention, they were correct. The C.I.O. is organizing steel. The C.I.O. is organizing workers whom the National Council not only never attempted to organize but actually prevented from organizing by its disastrous policy of craft divisions.

The Los Angeles labor movement is beginning to realize that its fight against the local M. and M. is only part of the country-wide fight of labor against the rotten open shop forces of the Liberty League and its stooge Landon. Buzzell cannot be permitted to hide the most vital issues before labor today under his slogan of: "No controversial issues at this time." Los Angeles labor is awakening to the fact that it is fighting with only one arm if it does not embark along the road to independent political action in a Labor Party; that it is missing up on one of its best bets if it does not begin to organize itself so as to elect such men to office from its own ranks as will curtail the power of the M. and M. and the Chamber of Commerce, as will repeal the vicious anti-picketing ordinance; as will prevent the increasingly wide-spread issuance of anti-labor injunctions.

Labor in Los Angeles must rally behind its labor council in the fight against open shop in the work to organize Los Angeles 100 percent. It can best do so by maintaining unity in the fight against the C.I.O. suspension and by utilizing that most important avenue of organization and strength, the independent political action of the working people, a Farmer-Labor Party.

AID TO SPAIN BY WORKMEN'S CIRCLE GROUP

Girl's Ice Cream And Movie Money Goes To Aid Spain

By a Worker Correspondent.

STOCKTON—At the last meeting held by the Workmen's Circle Branch No. 660, an appeal was made to aid the Spanish People's Front, and \$50 was raised.

The secretary of the branch, R. Iscovitz, and Mr. Borowsky, executive member, were responsible for raising the amount. Mr. Iscovitz stated we are helping the Spanish People's Front because of what Fascism means, especially to the Jews.

Will Raise More Funds

We know if the Fascists win, it will mean a new wave of terror and humiliation against the Jewish race, and all who are against this monster, Fascism.

The \$50 is just a beginning. We will do everything in our power to raise more financial aid for the heroic fighters of Spain against Fascism. The money was sent to the national office.

Little Girl Helps Out

SAN FRANCISCO—The following letter was received here by Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party:

"Dear Comrade:

"My Mama tells me about the workers fighting for freedom in Spain, so I am giving my ice cream and movie money to help out our class beat back the butchers in Spain. Enclosed find first dollar for the fund. I am seven and one-half years old. I hope the other working class kids help out, too.

"Norma."

Opening Gun Fired in Organizing Cal. Chemical Industry

Western Chemical Workers In P'burg Get AFL Charter

Pat Lydon Praised Highly For His Work In Bringing The Chemical Workers Together

PITTSBURGH, Cal.—History was made for California organized labor when employees of the Great Western Chemical Works and union organizers met here recently. At that meeting Federal Local Charter No. 20,280 was installed for the chemical workers.

LABOR IS ANGRY AT ROBBERY OF UNION'S PRIZE

Legion, Police In Dirty Trick; Cheat Union

LOS ANGELES — American Legion, Police and city officials scored early this week in the interests of foul play, when they arbitrarily proposed to turn over to the Police Department band a prize trip to Cleveland which was won by the band of the Musicians' Union Legion Post.

During the American Legion convention held here nearly a month ago several bands competed for a prize of \$400, which was to be used for transportation of the winning band to the Legion national convention at Cleveland next month.

Announcement of the Legion and Police officials' double-dealing was received by the Musicians' Union with justifiable indignation. It was pointed out that the prize money came out of the Los Angeles County Exploitation Fund and, therefore, its disposal in any circumstance should not be under the jurisdiction of the American Legion and Police officials.

The prize was won fairly by a band that had been assembled in three days. In spite of the fact that the Musicians' band was handicapped by the loss of points due to the lack of uniforms, their superior ability won them the coveted prize, which was sought by bands from all over the state.

Don't Want Union to Go — At the Los Angeles Central Labor Council a resolution was drawn up and sent to the City Council requesting that the underhanded plans of Legion and Police officials be immediately discontinued and that the prize be turned over to its rightful owners.

J. H. Buzzell, secretary of the Central Labor Council, at the meeting of this body last night stated that no doubt the reason for this stealing of the Musicians' union's prize was because those in power did not care to have Los Angeles represented by a union band.

Reactionaries Aid Standard Oil

SAN JOSE. — Although the State Federation of Labor has placed Standard Oil on the unfair list, a statement virtually denying San Jose Building Trades support of this measure is posted in the Building Trades Office.

This sabotaging of a measure designed to help all labor is said to be the work of reactionary Fred Volkers, Building Trades Council secretary, and his equally reactionary aide, McGinnis, who are putting their own petty interests above the good of labor as a whole.

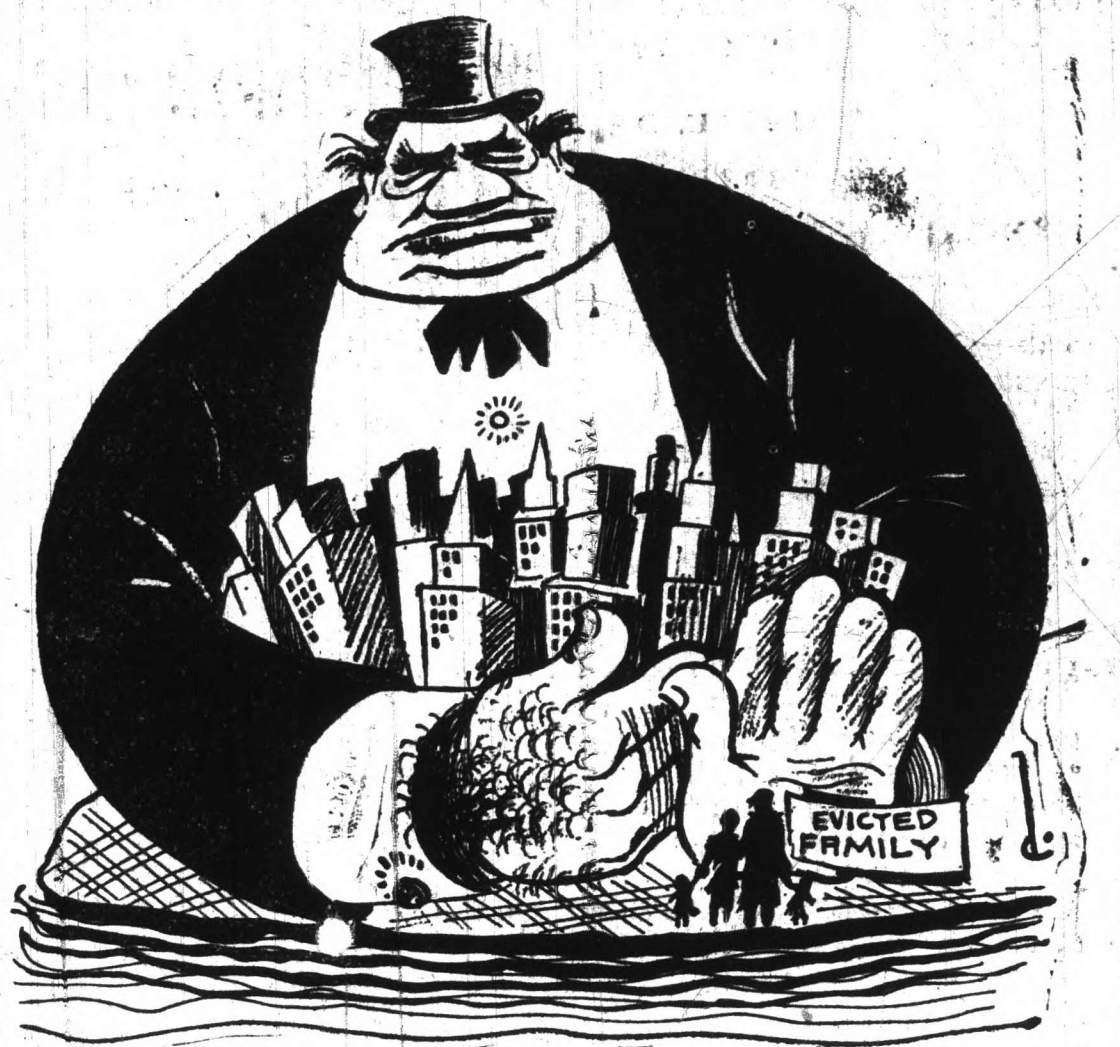
It seems they are afraid that Standard Oil may build non-union should any new stations be constructed locally were local labor to take action on the Federation resolution.

This stupid and shortsighted policy is typically "Volkerish" and is being condemned by all intelligent and progressive Building Trades members.

HANGING POSTPONED

CINCINNATI — Prompt action by Negro and white defense groups won postponement of the hanging of a second Negro in Kentucky, this time in Covington. The corpus proceedings won delay for John Mountjoy.

PEASON FOR FARMER-LABOR PARTY



S.F. PLUMBERS AND THE C.I.O.

They Hit Hard At Suspension

SAN FRANCISCO — Their international president, Coefield, is a supporter of Alfred Landon and all that's reactionary, but the San Francisco Plumbers Union members are progressive. They're strong for industrial unionism. Here's a resolution they passed last week:

WHEREAS, the action of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, in suspending ten important industrial unions with a total membership of more than one million trade unionists threatens a most serious split in the ranks of organized labor, and

WHEREAS, the submission of the entire question to the A.F.L. Convention, permits the delegates to participate actively in solving this problem, and preserving the unity of the American Federation of Labor, as was he case with the Building Trades Department at the 1935 Convention, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Local 442 of the Plumbers Union request the rescinding of the decision of the Executive Council of suspending the ten unions affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization, and to refer the whole controversy to the coming Convention of the American Federation of Labor, which takes place in November, 1936, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be mailed to the A.F. Executive Council, to the San Francisco Building Trades Council, and to the press.

Green On Spot At N.Y. State Convention

NEW YORK. — When Bill Green told the convention of the N.Y. State Federation of Labor that "chaos would overcome the labor movement" if the C.I.O. continued to exist, a delegate shouted:

"Green was sore, and shouted, 'It's true and you know it.' After bitter discussion among the 600 delegates, the Executive Council's suspension order was upheld. The reactionaries squeezed it through by a narrow margin."

125 Workers Are Out In L.A. Furniture Company

LOS ANGELES. — The Furniture Workers' Union called a strike here last week at the plant of the Los Angeles Period Furniture Company in order to force wage increases, better working conditions and recognition of the union.

A picket line has been established. About 125 workers are involved.

PORTERS GET FIRST INT. CHARTER GRANTED TO NEGRO ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK. — More than 1500 people attended the "unveiling" of the American Federation of Labor international charter recently awarded the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

This is the first Negro workers' organization to receive an A.F.L. international charter. Labor leaders throughout the country greeted the occasion.

It wasn't an easy job getting the charter. These Negro workers are fighters. They had organized their trade almost 100%. They wanted to have their full A.F.L. rights. For years the reactionaries of the A.F.L. Executive Council stalled them off. Their leader is A. Phillips Randolph who favors industrial organization.

AGRICULTURAL UNION IN KERN GETS CHARTER

BAKERSFIELD. — The Kern County Agricultural Workers Union is now a full-fledged A.F.L. organization. It has received its charter direct from the A.F.L., and is endorsed by the Kern County Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council. Permanent officers have already been elected.

L. A. CLOTHING UNION AIDS CIO

Donates To \$100,000 Fund For Steel

LOS ANGELES. — Local 278 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America unanimously agreed to assess each member one dollar, which is to be applied towards the \$100,000 fund being raised by the Amalgamated nationally for the purpose of aiding the C.I.O. to organize the steel workers.

When two workers were fired for possession of union books and others were mistreated for activity in their union, Local 278 called a strike on the plant of Rosenblum's, Inc.

Long tolerant with the high-handed methods of the bosses of the Rosenblum shop, their refusal to remedy working conditions, increase wages and recognize the union, the workers needed only the added injury of seeing their union brothers fired and mistreated to determine to do their part in stamping out the open shop in Los Angeles.

The membership promises a militant campaign for the duration of the strike, which is to exist until they have won all of their demands.

Blast Biased Bar Report On Safety

NEW YORK. — The majority report of the Committee on Admiralty (a part of the New York Bar Assn.), was blasted to the sky by a minority statement.

The minority statement charges that "careful consideration of their report shows that they are not discussing safety at sea at all but are advancing reasons why they think the law should continue to allow shipowners to send unsafe ships to sea without being fully liable for the consequences in loss of life and safety."

The majority report asked that "no change be made in the law respecting shipowners' exemption from liability or limitation of liability."

The Bar Assn. will consider the question at its Oct. 20 meeting.

Pedro I.L.A. Picks Delegates To Sacramento

SAN PEDRO. — Delegates of San Pedro local 38-82, International Longshoremen's Association, were elected at a special meeting to the California Federation of Labor convention at Sacramento.

Those named were Roy Donnelly, C. H. Lindgren, A. L. Bebo, W. R. Patterson, A. H. "Pedro" Peterson and Elmer Bruce.

MANY LABOR COUNCILS HIT BAN ON C.I.O.

Stockton, Phila., New Orleans Just A Few of Them

STOCKTON. — Calling for the dropping of all charges against the C.I.O. unions and for A.F.L. cooperation with the C.I.O. in organizing the steel and rubber industries, the Central Labor Council of San Joaquin County suggests that the C.I.O. confine its industrial organization drives to these two industries until further action is taken by the A.F.L., and that a special committee be appointed to study organizational set-up and report to the 1937 convention of the A. F. L.

Frey's Union Joins Protest — ST. LOUIS, Mo. — A resolution protesting against the splitting action of the A.F.L. Executive Council in suspending the C.I.O. unions was adopted by the St. Louis conference board of the Intl. Moulders Union, representing 10 locals with 1,700. The resolution praised the stand of Pres. O'Keefe against John P. Frey, also a member of the I.M. U., who acted as prosecutor for the council against the C.I.O.

Port Arthur Trades Council — BEAUMONT, Tex. — The Port Arthur Trades and Labor Council voted to protest against suspension of the C.I.O. unions. The vote, with only three delegates present from industrial unions, was 19 to five. Craft unionists led the fight for adoption of the resolution.

Denver Building Trades — DENVER, Colo. — An attempt to endorse Wm. Green's action against the C.I.O. was overwhelmingly voted down by the Denver Building Trades Council. Out of from 70 to 75 delegates, only five voted to approve Green's stand.

Terre Haute — TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — The Vigo County Central Labor Union passed a resolution requesting the A.F.L. council to reconsider its suspension of the C.I.O. unions and to hold action in abeyance until the 1936 convention.

Motion Picture Operators — STOCKTON, Cal. — The action of the A.F.L. executive council against the C.I.O. is "unwise, unwarranted, unconstitutional, entirely uncalled for, and against the interest of the working man," in the opinion of the members of Motion Picture Projectionists Local 428 of the Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees.

Philadelphia — PHILADELPHIA. — The Philadelphia Central Labor Union voted to condemn the action of the A.F.L. executive council in suspending the C.I.O. unions.

Pittsburgh — PITTSBURGH. — Adopting a resolution from Pittsburgh Typographical Union No. 7, the Pittsburgh Central Labor Council asked the A.F.L. executive council to defer action against the C.I.O. to the next convention.

New Orleans — NEW ORLEANS, La. — With only two dissenting votes, the New Orleans Central Trades & Labor Council voted to condemn the suspension of the C.I.O. unions and to demand that their delegates be seated at the next A.F.L. convention.

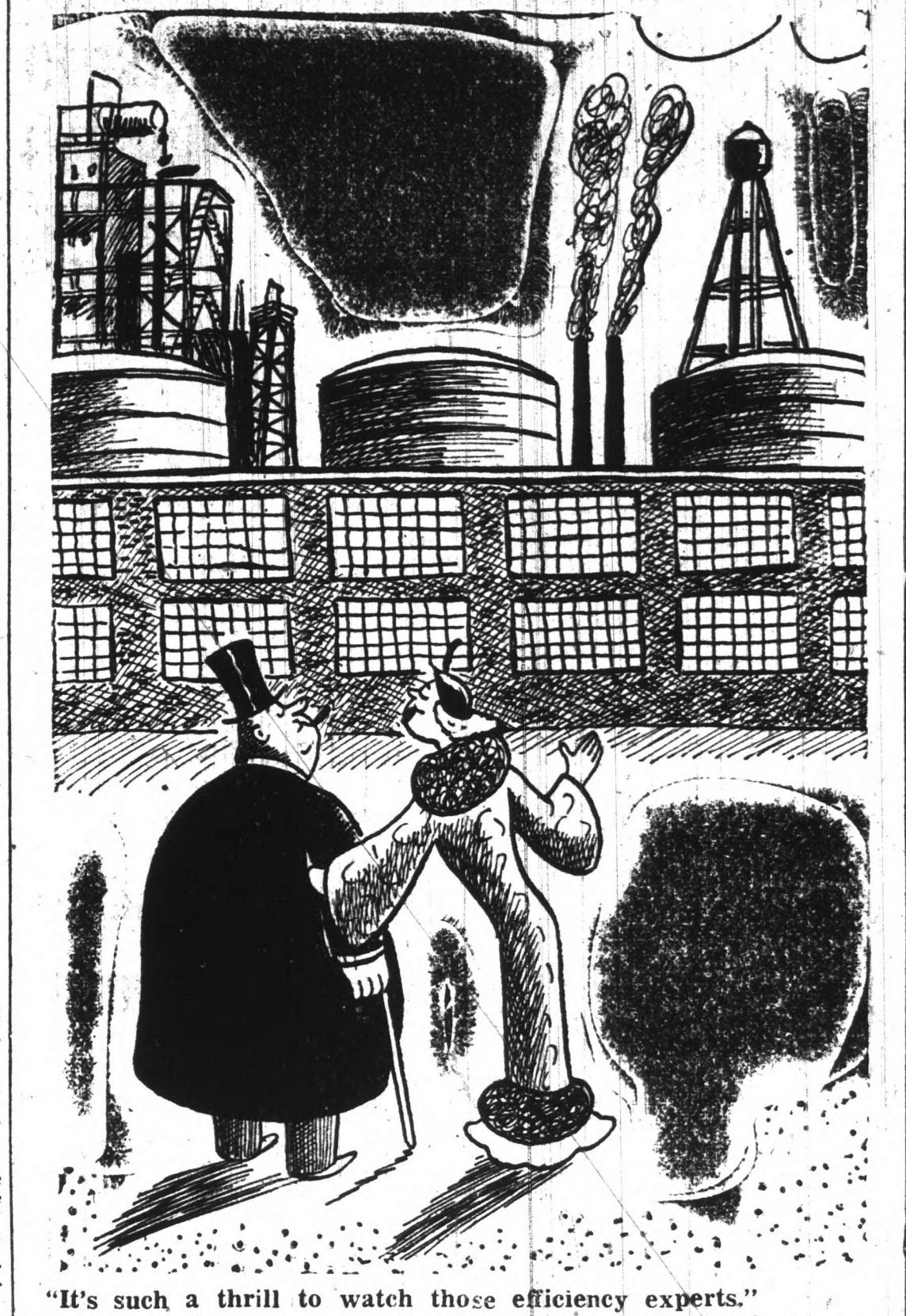
Govt. Considers Giving Orders To Scab Outfit

WASHINGTON. — Possibility that the Social Security Board may soon place a large order for office equipment with the Remington-Rand Co. was discovered here.

Employees of the Remington-Rand concern have been on strike in seven plants of the company for 14 weeks and strikers have faced imported thugs and gunmen used by the concern in a desperate effort to break the walkout.

It was learned that a large order for a visible index filing system was placed with the Post Index Co. on July 31. A few hours after the order was given it was withdrawn upon representations by Remington-Rand attorneys that their concern had not been afforded an equal opportunity in the bidding.

LIFE AMONG THE OPEN SHOPPERS



How Protests Have Rolled In On C.I.O. Ban

WASHINGTON. — With the International Typographical Union in all likelihood about to join the C.I.O., the C.I.O. announces that a survey by it reveals the following fact: The A.F.L. Executive Council has thus far been urged to recall the suspension order by three international unions, four State Federations, 30 Central Labor bodies, and local unions "too numerous to list."

Upholsterers Aiding Spain

LOS ANGELES. — Unanimously voting to support the 10 C.I.O. unions the Upholsterers Union Local 15 sent a resolution protesting the suspension of the C.I.O. unions to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

The resolution further demanded that the council rescind their action in suspending the C.I.O. unions and submit the question to the next convention of the A.F.L. at Tampa.

Another resolution was sent to John L. Lewis supporting the C.I.O. program.

Aid to the Spanish workers was pledged by Local 15 and workers are soliciting funds in the shops to be sent to Labor's Red Cross for Spain.

Shell Oil Lies Nailed by Union

LONG BEACH. — Reports probably inspired by the company, to the effect that the dispute between the Oil Workers Union and the Shell Oil Co. have been settled are denied with some heat by James G. C. Coulter, representing the Oil Workers in seven western states.

"These reports," said Coulter, "are propaganda emanating from the head office and are absolutely false. The question has not been settled, and will not be until the company agrees to deal with the men fairly through the recognized representatives."

The boycott against Shell Oil continues.

LANDON PAYS OIL WORKERS WAGES CLOSE TO STARVATION LEVEL

BAKERSFIELD. — The Oil Workers Union has gotten some interesting dope on the open shop actions of Alfred M. Landon. This concerns Landon's attitude in his own business. It is reported by the Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers' Union that under NRA Landon paid notoriously low wages. He paid a pumper in one of

GREYHOUND CO. BREAKING LAW

Fires Drivers Who Are In Union

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Pacific Greyhound Bus Company maintains a company union, violates the right of its employees to organize its unions of their own choosing, and discharged two men because of union activities.

This was all reported to the National Labor Relations Board, which held the Greyhound Co. violators of the U. S. Labor Act. Greyhound has announced that if the N.L.R.B. tries to force it to comply with the law, it will challenge the constitutionality of the action in the Federal courts. The Pacific Greyhound Drivers Assn. is the company union's name, and Labor Board representative Wood has recommended that its disbandment be ordered.

San Jose Unions Report Gains

SAN JOSE. — An appeal of the San Jose Postal Clerks Local 73 to join the Santa Clara Federated Trades Council was unanimously accepted by the Council. A flat rate per capita tax was agreed upon because of special problems of organization of government employees.

A delegate from the recently formed San Jose branch of the Salinas Fruit and Vegetable Packers was also installed. The new delegate reported that a warehousemen's organizer was coming to San Jose within a week and that good work could be expected of the local organization.

One hundred new members installed during the past week was reported by the Teamsters' delegate. The meeting culminated in the election of an Executive Board of ten for a 6 months term, and in the unanimous passing of a resolution sending greetings and assurance of support to the workers of the Seattle Newspaper Strike.

TOLEDO GAS STRIKE WON — TOLEDO, O. — The 11-day strike of Toledo gas company workers ended with a 25 per cent wage increase and union recognition.

RUBBER UNION IN BIG TRIUMPH AT L. A. PLANT

Defeats Co. Union At Sampson Tire Co. Elections

LOS ANGELES. — The United Rubber Workers' Union of America has been chosen by the workers of the Sampson Tire and Rubber Company as their collective bargaining representative, a count of the recent vote at the plant showed.

The vote was ordered by the local National Labor Relations Board to determine who should represent the workers.

George B. Roberts, International Organizer of the Rubber Workers' Union hailed the vote as a victory for the rubber workers in Southern California and predicted an International office of the union would soon be opened in Los Angeles to aid in the organization of the 7000 or more rubber workers here.

"The morale and spirit of the rubber workers is running high," declared Roberts in a report to the Central Labor Council.

Out of the 700 workers at the plant 636 workers cast votes, with 424 voting for the Rubber Workers' Union as their organization.

Brewers Convene In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO. — The oldest industrial union in the United States! That's the Intl. Union of United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, and Soft Drink Workers of America, now celebrating its 50th anniversary. Its membership is 40,000, as the result of the formation of hundreds of new locals.

The triennial convention of the international will be held in San Francisco Sept. 14 to 18. Emil Muri, international organizer here, is chairman of the local arrangements committee. Muri is strong for the C.I.O.

IOWA A.F.L. HITS COUNCIL'S ACT AGAINST C.I.O.

DES MOINES, Ia. — The steel organizing campaign of the C.I.O. was endorsed by the Iowa State Federation of Labor in a resolution which also protests against suspension of the C.I.O. unions, describing it as "a sad blow to the American labor movement."

The resolution points out that under the A.F.L. constitution an international union's charter can only be revoked by a two-thirds majority at a regular convention of the A.F.L. by a roll-call vote.

"We endorse the campaign of organization of workers now being conducted in the steel industry and petition all branches of organized labor to cooperate to that end in order that conditions of labor in that occupation may be improved," the Federation declares.

Firemen Rank and File Win In N. Y. Court

NEW YORK. — The rank and file of the Marine Firemen's Union won a smashing victory against the old reactionary officials, when Supreme Court Judge Steuer refused to allow the recent election victory, in which Secretary Oscar Carlson was defeated, to be contested in court.

Carlson's machine was completely swept out of office in the recent elections.

Protest Low Wage On Central Valley Projects

SAN FRANCISCO. — A strong protest against the low wage scales now in force on the Central Valley water projects is made in a resolution which has been adopted by the San Francisco Building Trades Council.

The Council also indorsed a resolution passed two weeks ago by the Central Labor Council, protesting withholding by employers of deductions from wages for the California unemployment reserves act.

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